

## **Instant Kill**

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## Chapter 1 - Departure

"You will depart in a month, I've prepared some low level one-time use Fu. From this trip, you will learn to skillfully use the one-time use Fu and learn to gather materials in the wild. Most of the materials you have been using are either from me or bought from the shops. This is not a long term solution, you will have to learn to gather your own materials and make Fu in the wild. These are the skills all FuZhou Knights should master."

Guo 12th nodded, "Yes, Teacher." He understood that a good Teacher will have high expectations for his disciples, so he must try his best to meet those expectations. This world is really crazy, 12th truly did not expect his Teacher to send him, a 9-year-old disciple to the battlefield, even though he was not required to engage in combat, it was still horrible to send a 9-year-old out to the battlefield.

Luo Jie could see that 12th was worried, he said, "You don't have to worry about your safety, Luo Zhan and 3 Fu Warriors will accompany you, I believe nothing will harm you."

"You guys should only stay in Ye Guan City, don't go towards Savage Gate. Your range of activities will be close to Ye Guan City, don't go anywhere further." After a moment of thought, he said, "Actually it will be better to go to the Savage Gate and observe in a safe place. It will be very beneficial to you guys. But if anyone is scared I won't force them to go."

Luo Jie took out two Fu hidden bags and said, "12th, you have always wanted a Fu hidden bag, this one is for you. Huo Bao will keep the other

one, these two Fu hidden bags can't hold a lot, each one can only hold about 3 days worth of supplies for the 5 of you."

Guo 12th knew that the Fu hidden bags should only be used to carry emergency supplies. The other supples they can carry themselves.

Unlike Guo 12th's complaints, the other 4 children were very excited. They did not understand the brutality and pains of battle, they thought this was a golden opportunity to play.

Guo 12th thought for a moment and felt relieved, in this strange world, maybe engaging in combat was normal.

Luo Jie then said, "You need to make a Fu belt on your own, do you know how? Remember, a Fu belt is not for good looks, a Fu belt will be more convenient to quickly and accurately take out specific Fu when you are in combat. I already gave you the materials, have you finished the purification and production?"

Guo 12th has already designed several different Fu belts, but he was not satisfied with them, so it has been held up until now. The materials were all prepared and he only needed one last step. As soon as he have a good design, he can immediately start making it. Because there was only one month left until they depart, he had to finish it soon.

A Fu Warrior came in holding several wooden boxes with different shapes and placed them on the table before leaving.

Luo Jie said, "Ok, it's the 4 of you guys' turn, come over and select a low

level weapon...think about it before choosing, think about your own combat style, then choose the weapon that you think is most suitable to that style. Hm, Hong Shi should pick a more defensive style weapon."

Huo Bao was the leader of the team, he stepped forward and opened the wooden boxes. There were a total of 7 boxes, it contained a Fu spear, Fu broadsword, Fu axe, Fu hammer, Fu sword, Fu shield, and Fu bow.

Huo Bao picks the Fu broadsword without hesitating, it was made of steel with a lot of FuZhou engravings on it. Even though a low level Fu weapon cannot be compared to a middle or high level Fu weapon, they were still much more powerful than those used by ordinary people.

Chen Hong picks the Fu sword and Hong Shi picks the Fu shield and Fu hammer.

Chen Bing wasn't happy because he wanted the Fu sword but it was already chosen by his cousin. He ended up with the Fu spear, but also wanted the Fu bow. He didn't dare look at Luo Jie, instead, he turned to Guo 12th and Guo 12th nodded, so he picked up the Fu bow too.

These Fu weapons were enough to double their power. They could now resist an unarm Fu Warrior for about 10 minutes. Normally, if there was a FuZhou disciple in the group, the 4 Fu Warrior disciples will use their strength to hold back the enemy while the FuZhou disciple attack with Attack Fu, the battle should end very quickly like that. That was the strength of the FuZhou profession.

From seeing which Fu weapons were chosen, one could tell that the 4 Fu Warrior teammates were specialized in different combat styles. The

reason why Huo Bao chose the Fu broadsword was because he simply liked to attack, he also wanted to choose the Fu hammer, but he knew Hong Shi was more suitable for it. He has also used the broadsword before when he hunted. Another weapon he wanted was the Fu bow, but because there was only one and he would always charge to the front of the battle, the Fu bow was not as suitable for him as the other weapons.

Chen Bing wanted the Fu sword, but since his cousin took it first, he chose the Fu spear and Fu bow instead. He was the scout in this 5-man team.

Among the 4 Fu Warriors, only Chen Hong's role was not clearly defined. They did not know how to let her incorporated into the small team.

Luo Jie said, "You guys have to get familiarized with your Fu weapon as soon as possible. The low level Fu weapons have great lethality even without the activation of Fu power. You should try your best to master them so they can be used at their full effect. Your actual strength and ability is the only guarantee to your safety in the wild and in battle.

The advice of a person from the older generations came from countless life and death battles. Although they were young and ignorant, they knew that they should listen to what was said. As for Guo 12th, he has already understood this principle. He has served in the army in his previous life. He has fought in many battles, even though his rank was not very high, he had a wide range of knowledge and experience. He understood that his Teacher's saying was invaluable advice.

Guo 12th asked, "Teacher, these are the Shadow Fu that I made, can you inspect them?"

Luo Jie took them and inspected carefully, "Hmm, they can be used." He said.

Guo 12th was relieved, he was in a hurry to use the Shadow Fu to enhance his own strength. He knew that under the enhancements, his body would be tougher, at least to the level of the adults in this world. Of course, he was incomparable to Fu Warriors. Fu Warriors were simply "killing machines" with a human appearance.

Luo Jie hesitated a little and took out two Fu, "These are two Treasure Fu, 12th, use them only in life and death situations. With your current strength, you can only use them once. Meaning you will use up all your FuZhou power with just one Treasure Fu attack. Treasure Fu are used frequently by FuZhou Knights, you can take it, it will be a good experience for you to use Treasure Fu early."

"One is Frostbolt, the other is Chaos fireball. They can be use as a single target attack or a crowd attack.

Guo 12th took them and said his thanks. It was the first time he was in contact with Treasure Fu. He could feel the power of these two Treasure Fu with his reincarnated soul. "Teacher, how many times can they be activated?"

Luo Jie said, "Frostbolt can be activated 9 times, and Chaos Fireball 3 times. Do not exceed these limits. If you remember to replenish their Fu, they can be used repeatedly. It is difficult to make Treasure Fu, you have to use them with caution, don't waste them."

Guo 12th was truly happy, these Fu were obtained just in time, Treasure Fu are real weapons. Even FuZhou Knights and Zhou Knights have a hard time trying to get good Treasure Fu. If you describe one-time use Fu as a homemade gun, then Treasure Fu will be a semi-automatic rifle, it is a lot more powerful.

They left Luo Jie's estate, Guo 12th had a lot to think about. He was not a child and knew that there was a lot of things to be prepared before they go out to Ye Guan City. He needed to plan the supplies for their small team, but his most urgent task was to quickly increased his own strength. He did not want to rely on others for his own safety.

First he needed to do the strength enhancements with the Shadow Fu, then make the Fu belt, and lastly to familiarize himself with the two Treasure Fu. But the most important task was to find more information regarding Ye Guan City and Savage Gate, 12th needed to learn about its topography, its climate, as well as the characteristics of the savages in the north.

Shadow Fu and Light Fu were complete opposites, Light Fu can only be used on Fu Warriors. If a Zhou Knight or FuZhou Knight used it, they will become crippled. Light Fu is very brutal, but it could rapidly increase the body's strength. Shadow Fu is relatively softer, it will slowly increase the physical qualities of Zhou Knights and FuZhou Knights.

It was simple to apply Shadow Fu to strength enhancements, one just needed to attach the Shadow Fu to the area where you wanted it to be strengthen. For example, if attached to the arms, the power of the arms will be enhanced. Guo 12th had a total of 5 Shadow Fu. He had to think about where he wanted the enhancements. The chest and the back should always be enhanced, so those took up 2 Fu already.

The abdomen is soft, it is very vulnerable to attacks and injuries, so it needed to be strengthened as well. Only two left, they could either be used to enhance his arms or legs.

Guo 12th thought for a moment and decided to use the last two Shadow Fu on his legs. He would be able to at least run faster if his legs were strengthened. 12th was helpless, he could not believe his Teacher in this world would let a 9-year-old go to the battlefield. He had to say that people in his world was crazy.

12th used all 5 Shadow Fu in a day. This was his first strength enhancement, even though it was incomplete. A complete first enhancement would allow one to use up to 8 Shadow Fu on themselves. He did not use any Shadow Fu for his head and arms, and now he had to wait until he is 10 years old for his second strength enhancement. At that time he is allowed to use up to 8 Shadow Fu on his body again. FuZhou disciples are only allowed one strength enhancement per year until they become FuZhou Knights, in which they are then allowed two strength enhancements per year.

Guo 12th asked Huo Bao to prepare the supplies, the 4 of them can do it together.

Fu belts are specialized equipment for FuZhou Knights, Fu Knights and Zhou Knights. The Fu belts are very important before one has advanced into the Masters level. Fu belt, as the name imply, is a belt where Fu is stored, it's not only worn on the waist, some people crafted smaller ones for their wrists and other areas. The name does not changed, it was still a Fu belt, but some people called it Fu wrist belt or Fu arm belt. It was an extended product of the Fu belt.

Guo 12th was really not satisfied with the current Fu belt designs, it was simply a belt with space to store Fu. They were almost all the same design except for the size. In order to take out the Fu easier, there were usually 4 to 6 slots in the front, and the back was used to store spare Fu, the right and left side of the belt would also have a slot each.

Most Fu wrist belts only had two slots, one inside and one outside.

The slots that hold the Fu are specially crafted, it have a specific space where it can hold a specific number of Fu as long as the Fu are all the same type.

Guo 12th collected a lot of material, it was enough for him to make a dozen slots, That's why, he did not want to make his Fu belt like everyone elses. It was not important how it looked, as long as it was convenient for him to use. He planned on making a whole set of Fu belt, the Fu wrist belt, Fu arm belt, and Fu leg belt.

Guo 12th thought about it for two days until he realized that there was not enough time and he had to quickly craft it. Finally, he came up with a strange Fu belt design, the outline was similar to a Sam Browne belt from his previous life. There were two extra straps compared to normal Fu belts. Guo 12th added three slots to each strap, together with the slots at the waist position, there was a total of 10 slots. This design was specially made for him because he was short, skinny, had a small waist, and thought the normal Fu belt designs lacked slots. Now his belt has 10 slots and should be enough.

Of course, it was not good looking, people might not like it. But Guo 12th clearly remembers Luo Jie's words. The Fu belts are designed for battle, how it looks like means nothing.

Guo 12th had spent almost 10 days crafting the strange Fu belt. Afterwards he spent a few days to practice using it, he wanted to get accustomed to the positions of the Fu so he could quickly and accurately take them out when needed. In addition, the two Treasure Fu were hidden in the wrist belt, one in the left and the other one in the right.

Everything was ready after busily preparing for a month. The morning of that day, under the escort of Luo Zhan and the 3 Fu Warriors, Guo 12th and his 4 Fu Warrior team arrived at the meeting point in the inner court. Guo 12th noticed that there were a lot of disciples there, most of them had Fu Warrior potential, some had Zhou Knight potential, and none have Fu Knight potential. There were a few disciples with FuZhou potential, and they were protected by Fu Warriors.

The disciples with Zhou potential were also protected by Fu Warriors. The majority of disciples had Fu Warrior potential. When they saw Huo Bao and his three teammates, their eyes revealed an envious expression. In the inner court, if they could not find a commander, they will become Fu Warriors of the inner court, and they would not get another chance to become supporters. Even though it was not bad in the inner court, their futures would be much more promising if they could become supporters.

The age amongst the disciples with Fu Warriors potential were all varied, some were in their low teenage years, while others were in their upper twenties. Since most of them were not supporters, their weapons were given to them by the inner court. They were all ordinary swords,

nobody had Fu weapons.

Huo Bao's Fu Warrior team held their Fu weapons out, it looked magnificent within the crowd because many Fu Warriors did not even have Fu weapons. The value of Fu weapons was high in the Fu town of the inner court and Fu Warriors were normally poor, so it was not easy for them to buy a Fu weapon.

Fu Warriors who have commanders did not have to worry about weapons or strength enhancements, their commanders will provide for all their needs. As a result, their greatest wish was to have a successful FuZhou Knight or Fu Knight as their commander, but having a Zhou Knight as their commander was good too.

Different from Guo 12th's previous life, nobody gave a speech to boost morale. When it was time, the group departed in packs.

Guo 12th's team was assigned to the middle. The disciples with FuZhou potential were all assigned in the middle of the group because that was the safest place.

There were three packs in total. The first pack included FuZhou Knights and Zhou Knights from the inner court, the Fu Warrior disciples who were close to advancing were led by them. The second pack included the weakest disciples, or disciples who needed the most protection. The third pack was similar to the first, the whole group was weak in the middle, but strong at both ends.

Approximately 500 horses, 100 carriages, 300 dogs, and 2000 people walked out of the inner court, walking forward along the road.

On the way, convoys from the outer court that delivered goods and materials appeared frequently. A small convoy might have around 50 people and a dozen carts while a big convoy might have about 600 people and 80 carts. There were lots of combat squads and ordinary street vendors serving food. The ordinary people lived in the supply stations, they came out in the morning and went back in at dusk, just to earn a little Fu bill for their daily expenses.

Guo 12th was sitting in the carriage. From 12th's perspective, the carriage looked like a box car, it was extremely ugly, the only luxurious things were the thick animal hide on the seat, and the two shockproof Fu Inscriptions.

12th sat inside, took out a book and started reading. The book was about savages.

There are 4 types of savages in the northern tip. The first type is the Vagrant Savage, most of them lived alone in the wild. They had a sturdy figure and their strength was comparable to Fu Warrior Masters. They have rough skin and long hair all over the body, their weapon of choice were mostly huge rocks and tree trunks. Their combat power was strong and they enjoyed eating people, especially ordinary people.

The second type is the Frenzied Savages. They lived in large groups in the wastelands within the northern tip. They enjoyed fighting with large beasts, bursting into residential areas, and eating people. They did not use weapons, but relied on their sharp claws to attack. When they become frenzied, their combat power doubles and have an increase in speed. The third type, also known as the most horrible type is called the Bloodthirsty Savages. They enjoyed slaughter the most, they would even kill Vagrant Savages and Frenzied Savages when they encountered them. They are known as the most dangerous savages. And the number of these Bloodthirsty Savages was the largest. Although their strength was lower than Vagrant Savages and Frenzied Savages, they would win by relying on their numbers in addition to their weapons.

The fourth type was extremely rare, savages who encountered them would automatically protect them. In human society, they were known as natural Fu Masters. Their strength was weak, but as they grew older, they would naturally develop some type of magical FuZhou, which helps other savages like treating their illnesses or enhancing their strength. They are called Fu Savages.

Guo 12th scratched his head and sighed in his mind, "What kind of f\*\*cked up world it this? I never expected such strange creatures like savages? How do they look like people?" There were a few pictures in the book that had image of savages.

The first picture described the Vagrant Savages. They looked like huge gorillas with long arms that reached their knees. They had a strong body and large muscles that seemed to burst open and two large and sharp teeth outside their lips. They had long black hair all over the bodies. They gave off an oppressive feeling, just looking at the picture it was scary.

The second picture described the Frenzied Savages. Their physical build was similar to the Vagrant Savages, but their arms were even thicker. They did not have any fingers, but instead had 6 long sharp claws. And their body hair was brownish red.

The third picture described the Bloodthirsty Savages. Their appearance looked like a person with dark brown hair. There was no hair on their face and they wore some simple leather robes.

The last picture described the Fu Savages, they were short and skinny, looked delicate without a hint of fierceness. It was hard to imagine how they survived in the northern tip.

The book clearly indicated that Fu Savages were the most dangerous threats to humanity. One had to kill them at all cost when encountered. Fu Savages were equivalent to an amplifier, if there were other savages nearby, their strength would be significantly increased. What made people even more scared was that Fu Savages had intelligence.

Guo 12th directly excluded savages from the concept of humanity. They were indeed beasts!

The existence of the North Fu Sect was to hold off the savages. If the savages invaded, the probability of ordinary people surviving was close to zero. Maybe only those at the level of Fu Master, Zhou Master, FuZhou Master and Fu Warrior Master could survive. Therefore, people here extremely hated savages and they would never let go of them when they had the opportunity to kill them.

The northern tip, also known as the northern wasteland, was a ruthless region where it was very harsh for human to live in. It was also a region which contained a large amount of treasures, numerous precious raw materials for Fu making is there. The North Fu Sect had the most abundance of raw materials among all four Sects, because it controlled

this huge treasury.

The northern tip was right outside the Savage Gate. Every spring, savages from the northern tip would attack the Savage Gate. Many savages would bypass the Gate and climb over the steep mountain peaks. They would break into the residential areas and murder and steal from everyone. Bloodthirsty Savages liked human objects the most, no matter if it was weapons, equipments, bowls, or pots, they will take them all. However, the number of savages that could climb over the peak was not that high, because the North Fu Sect had specially assigned a hunting squad to kill them.

It was not only the savages which threatened the northern tip, there were also beasts in the wastelands. The beasts had one thing in common, they were all born with Fu Inscriptions. Some had it on their fur, some had it on their bones, and these were all natural materials for making the Fu frames. Some Fu Inscriptions were very strange and they were irresistible to Fu Masters. It would be very valuable if they discovered a new Fu Inscription from there.

Because of this, the wastelands of the northern tip were viewed as heaven and hell to the disciples of North Fu Sect. Relying on the northern tip, the disciples can increase their strength quickly, but it also resulted in many deaths.

Guo 12th closed the book with a sigh. He knew that he needed to experience the ruthlessness of the northern tip, he was only 9 years old and his Teacher already sent him here. When he becomes a FuZhou Knight he knows he will be sent to the Savage Gate. It will be difficult to safely pass through this life. That being the case, he had to increase his ways of survival.

Guo 12th peeked his head out of the carriage and asked, "Huo Bao, where are we now?"

## **Chapter 2 - Trade**

Huo Bao and his teammates were all riding warhorses, they spurred their horses forward and said, "12th, we will arrive at the next supply station soon..." and then, a loud noise can be heard up front, Huo Bao said, "I'll go take a look!"

Chen Bing said, "I'll go with you."

Both of them rushed forward and a moment later, they came back. Huo Bao said, "Someone caught a Vagrant Savage, it was imprisoned inside a cage, Heh we will see it very soon, their carriage is coming up."

A furious roar can be heard, followed by a roar of anguish.

Soon, their carriage and the carriage from the opposite side crossed over, it was the first time Guo 12th has seen a real life savage. It was the Vagrant Savage that was introduced in the book he had just read.

The feeling was different when you see a savage in person than seeing one in a book. When the carriages crossed over, the huge steel cage containing the giant-like Vagrant Savage left a deep impression in 12th. It looked like a humanoid beast which was bloody and violent. Guo 12th estimated that the savage was around 2.5 meters tall. It was naked and was covered in black hair, the hair was covered with mud and dry blood, the smell of blood filled the air.

The savage was locked up within hardwood frames, it's wrists and ankles were pinned down using the long Fu nails. It's body was tied up

by thick chains, and there was a FuZhou Inscription looped around it's neck, which seemed to prevent it from gathering strength. Guo 12th noticed that when the carriages crossed over, the savage was fiercely staring at him and a violent bloodlust can be felt.

Huo Bao and his teammates were completely intimidated by the savage, their faces turned pale white, Guo 12th grunted and said, "The savage can't even more, why are you guys scared?"

Their faces could not help but turn red. Huo Bao plucked up his courage and said, "I'm not scared!"

Luo Zhan followed the carriage, he smiled, "There is indeed no need to be scared, do not be scared even when you are faced against a savage that could threaten your life because...they will not feel sorry for you whether you're scared or not. Courage is the most important attribute for a Fu Warrior." Luo Zhan was a surprised and thought, "How come 12th isn't scared? His face does not show any fear, but curiosity."

Luo Zhan looked up and said loudly, "Brother Yang, why are you here?"

A big man stepped forward with a smile and said, "Brother Luo, are you going to Savage Gate too?" he glanced at the carriage and asked, "Who are you protecting this time?"

Luo Zhan smiled, "Who else can they be? Grandpa's disciple, Ha Ha, I will be protecting grandpa's precious disciple temporarily. He is only 9 years old, 12th come say hi to this crazy warrior."

Guo 12th peeked out his head and said, "Nice to meet you, Uncle Yang."

Brother Yang nodded and said in surprise, "Grandpa Luo allows his disciples to go to the Savage Gate? It's a mess there. This spring will be different from before, there will be many savages, and they will all be crazy because there will be Fu Savages hiding within their savage groups. The presense of the Fu Savages will make the other savages fiercer and more difficult to kill."

Luo Zhan said, "I'm only accompanying 12th to Ye Guan City, not to Savage Gate. He He, Brother Yang, why did you catch this Vagrant Savage? Why not just kill it?"

Brother Yang said, "Someone is offering a high price for Vagrant Savages, Heh, that's why we used traps...two people from my team got injured...I have to rush back to complete my mission and go back towards Savage Gate in a few days. I will talk to you next time, Brother Luo, take care!"

Guo 12th asked, "Is Uncle Yang a Fu Warrior Master? I did not see his identification card."

Luo Zhan said, "Brother Yang is a true master of the outer court, he leads his group of brothers and make a living by accepting Sect missions. Heh, he's not simple, he's very famous among us Fu Warrior Masters. He usually picks the missions that are more troublesome, like capturing a live savage this time, Ha Ha, savages are easier to kill than to capture alive."

12th was very eye-catching within the group heading towards Ye Guan

City. Normally it was better for disciples with Fu Warrior potential to gain experience of the battlefield earlier. Disciples with FuZhou or Fu potential did not have to go so early, but 12th was the FuZhou Great Master, Luo Jie's disciple, nobody knew what the FuZhou Great Master was thinking.

Other FuZhou potential disciples who are in the group were soon going to become FuZhou Knights. They were older and had more Fu Warrior supporters. Their purpose of going to Ye Guan City was to adapt to the environment, When they successfully become FuZhou Knights, they will be sent to the northern tip to cultivate.

12th hardly got out of the carriage, but when they stopped at the supply stations he would get out and find some warm food. 12th spent most of his time in the carriage to read books. Sometimes he would chant the inscriptions, and other times he might practice taking out Fu from his Fu belt. He had to get more familiar with the positions of the Fu, when he can accurately reach the Fu without hesitation, he would not be incompetent in battles.

It was safe the whole way. There were many people from the North Fu Sect traveling along the road to Ye Guan City. The beasts that came within a few hundred meters of the road would immediately be driven away by Fu Warriors. All the risk factors were considered, this road was the main route to get to and from Ye Guan City, the North Fu Sect would never allow any incidents to occur.

The group arrived at Ye Guan City after 8 days.

It only required one day to get to Savage Gate from Ye Guan City. Ye Guan City was the main base of Savage Gate, and it was also an outer

headquarter of the North Fu Sect. Therefore people from the inner court would receive a warm welcoming.

As a disciple of a FuZhou Great Master in the inner court, Guo 12th was given a small courtyard. The region where he lived was guarded by Fu Warriors, it was a residential region primarily for disciples of the inner court. It was also the safest region.

Guo 12th did not want to go outside, after moving to the courtyard, he started making up excuses to waste time. Huo Bao and his teammates all looked at Guo 12th with eyes full of optimism, but 12th simply ignored them. After seeing a savage in person, he understood that in this world, it was easier for a person to die than a chicken. After successfully reincarnating he did not want to die so fast.

The Fu towns were different from the ones in the inner court, they were not only bigger, but also had a greater variety of materials. Many disciples who were heading towards the northern tip would choose to sell the raw materials they have collected or trade it for supplies they need before going to the Savage Gate.

12th enjoyed going to the Fu town after his first visit, he thought that it was a good place to gain knowledge. There were restaurants in the Fu town, and they were a good place for him to learn more about the world.

12th did not limit Huo Bao's team's activities. The only restrictions were to not go to Savage Gate, and if they wanted to go out of town, they had be escorted by a Fu Warrior. There were no beasts or savages in the suburb of Ye Guan City, it should not be dangerous if they go out and take a look.

12th was escorted by Luo Zhan every day when he went to Fu town, 12th would never go out alone. This world was too dangerous and he needed to take precaution in case of encountering something crazy. He was neither as impulsive as a child, nor as passionate as a young man. He was simply calm and steady.

Luo Zhan never interfered with Guo 12th's activities. He followed him closely so that he could protect 12th from any danger, it was his most important responsibility.

"What animal leather is this?"

12th asked while standing in front of a small stall.

"He He, this is from the Volcanic Rats, I have 8 pieces in total and they have all been processed. It will be a very good material once you clean it with leather liquid. How many do you want?"

This stall was operated by a Fu Warrior.

"How much are you selling them for?"

Volcanic Rats were a type of underground rodent, they had a strange ability where they could live on top of hot magma underground. Their hide were a natural fiery material, and were very suitable for Flame Fu. Only a palm-sized hide would be used, and they were hard to find.

"One Black Fu Bill each!"

12th smiled and said, "2 Black Fu Bills...for all 8 pieces! This leather isn't bad, but some of them were no good, look...this one is broken..."

The stall owner was shocked, he had noticed 12th's identification card on his chest and knew that he was a FuZhou disciple of the inner court. He thought people from the inner court were all rich so he asked for a high price. He did not expect this little child to be a master of bargaining, he directly cutted his price to the lowest point.

"How old are you?"

12th said, "9! Do you want to fool me just cause I'm young?"

The stall owner had a bitter face, he glanced at the Fu Warriors behind 12th, smiled and said apologetically, "I wouldn't dare...Heh, but the price you offered is too low, I will be at a loss if I sell them to you at those rates. How about 7 Black Fu Bills for 8 pieces!"

Guo 12th said, "Forget it, I'll offer 3 Black Fu Bills for 8 pieces! If you're not willing...I will leave!"

"Ah, how can that work? 6 Black Fu Bills! Just 6!"

Guo 12th said, "Uncle Luo, let's go!"

The stall owner was unhappy, it was not easy trying to sell Volcanic Rat

leather because there were not many Fu Knights or FuZhou disciples in Ye Guan City. And only those professions needed these low level materials to make one-time use Flame Fu. If this child left, he didn't know when these materials will be sold. He was not going to stay in Fu town for long because he was leaving for Savage Gate soon.

"4! I will sell them to you for 4 Black Fu Bills!"

Guo 12th walked slowly, he turned around and said, "3! Forget it if not!"

The stall owner saw Guo 12th walking further and further away, he sighed, "3...Fine!Ai, where did you come from? How come you are so good at bargaining?"

Guo 12th walked back and said, "Ai, you shouldn't complain, a little child like me doesn't have much money!" He handed over 3 Black Fu Bills, picked up the Volcanic Rat leathers and placed them in his backpack. The stall owner looked at 12th and was speechless.

Luo Zhan could not help but laugh, he knew the price of Volcanic Rat very well. Normally 1 Black Fu Bill could buy 2, the stall owner wanted to bully a child at the beginning but didn't expect 12th to not fall for it. In addition, 12th was very good at bargaining. Since the stall owner was in a rush to sell, Guo 12th surely gained a complete victory.

"12th, how did you know he will accept your offer?"

Guo 12th smiled, "Uncle Luo, if I was even more patient I could have

reduced it to 2 Black Fu Bills, didn't you notice he was in a hurry to leave? Volcanic Rat leather is a low level material, only disciples will want it and there weren't many disciples currently in Ye Guan City. His asking price is reasonable if he was selling them in the inner court, but it was not worth it here."

Luo Zhan sighed in his mind and thought that 12th was just too clever.

Guo 12th had to be clever, he collected a lot of material and continued making one-time use Fu whenever he had free time. He was different from other disciples. 12th would try making all kinds of Fu as long as he had the instructions and the materials, he would never give up even if the failure rate was high.

Guo 12th purchased a lot of beast bones in Fu town, they could be used for Fu making. Most beast bones were natural Fu material and could be used to make Bone Fu, the results were a little better than the ones made by beast leather.

In the corner of the town there was a modest looking stall. Guo 12th squatted down and browsed around, he did not find anything good. He was about to stand up and leave, when the stall owner asked, "Are you a FuZhou disciple?"

There were no Fu Inscriptions on the stall owner's body, and his face was clean. For those reasons, Guo 12th was sure that he was not a Fu Warrior disciple, but he did not look like an ordinary person either. 12th said, "Yes, I'm a FuZhou disciple from the inner court."

The stall owner said, "I'm a Zhou Knight disciple from the Sun Clan.

My last name is Sun, full name Chen Su Sun, He He, I have some good stuff here, I'll trade it for some one-time use Fu, what you think?"

Guo 12th smiled, "My name is Guo 12th, you can call me 12th. What good stuff? Let me see it first, we can trade if it's useful to me."

Chen Su Sun took out a book-sized grey stone, he said, "How's this ice stone?"

Guo 12th took it and felt his wrist sink, he was slightly surprised because he had many ice stones and they were all very small beads which needed to be refined and processed. Ice stones were materials used to make ice elemental Fu frames, but they were not very heavy. 12th thought the ice stone felt metallic, he said, "What do you want for it? Ice stones are not that rare."

Chen Su Sun said, "I know, ice stones are just low level material, but you are a FuZhou disciple, you can use it to practice...my request is not that high, 6 one-time use Attack Fu of the fire element with as much power as possible."

Guo 12th said, "After refining, this ice stone can be used to make about 10 ice elemental Fu frames. If I used it to make one-time use Fu, Ah, even though the success rate is high, I can only make about 7. And with the other materials used, not including labor, how is it worth it for me? He He, one-time use ice elemental Fu and one-time use fire elemental Fu have about the same value..."

"Older brother, even though I am young, I understand...if I accept your offer, I might be at a great loss! If I tell my Teacher, I'm afraid that he

will be angry..."

Luo Zhan laughed to the side, he already knew that Guo 12th had the ability to bargain. The stall owner wanted to take advantage of him, but it will not be easy.

Chen Su Sun was speechless, in fact, he didn't even know the market price for the ice stone and just made up a price. He was a Zhou Knight disciple, he only knew how to use Fu, but did not know anything about making Fu. Of course he wouldn't know how to calculate the value. He said with a bitter smile, "How much do you think it's worth? Eh, how many Fu can I trade it for?"

Guo 12th said without hesitation, "2 one-time use Fireball Fu at most."

Chen Su Sun said, "Are you kidding? 2 low level Fireball Fu? It's not even useful when killing ordinary people, not to mention savages. It could only be used to light a fire...I don't think Fireball Fu have any value."

Guo 12th said, "You tell me...what do you want to trade?"

Chen Su Sun's confidence has already been hit by Guo 12th, he said, "Then...then how about one with a fast piercing speed with fire...the Fire Arrow Fu, and one Fire Cloud Fu! Give me those two...I will trade with you!"

With a bitter face, Guo 12th sorrowfully said, "That request is too high. I'm fine with the Fire Arrow Fu, but Fire Cloud Fu is not easy to make.

The failure rate is very high, and I don't even know how to make it...eh, Fire Arrow Fu and Fireball Fu. Let me tell you, the Fireball Fu was given to me from my teacher, and he is a FuZhou Great Master! His Fu are good stuff!"

Chen Su Sun was only a Clan cultivated Zhou Knight disciple. He did not advanced to a Zhou Knight even when he is already in his twenties. When he heard that Guo 12th was a disciple of a FuZhou Great Master, he respected it in his heart. When he heard that the Fireball Fu was made by a FuZhou Great Master, he had no hint of regret in his heart, he only felt that he had make this trade. He quickly said, "Ok! Deal!"

Guo 12th carefully took out the two one-time use Fu, and said, "You can double check, if there are no issues, we can trade."

Chen Su Sun accepted the two Fu carefully, he couldn't hold back a smile on his face. He was just a Zhou Knight disciple, he relied on one-time use Fu in combat. If he was a gun, the Fu were his bullets, the quality of the bullets were directly related to whether or not he can survive in certain situations. Of course he was very happy to receive a Fu made by a FuZhou Great Master.

Luo Zhan had a strange thought, "When did grandpa ever make one-time use Fu? He doesn't even make Treasure Fu that much." After thinking for a bit, he could not help but have a bitter smile on his face. From the beginning, Guo 12th never said that the Fireball Fu was made by a FuZhou Great Master, he was misleading the stall owner. The Fu was given by a FuZhou Great Master, it didn't mean that it was personally made by him. This child was very cunning.

In fact, Guo 12th was still reluctant to trade those two Fu. An ice stone

was not that precious and he already had a lot. The reason for the trade was because 12th was curious about the weight of the ice stone. He suspected that the stone might have some secret so he proceeded with the trade.

Holding the ice stone, Guo 12th went back home happily.

12th went to his room, there was no laboratory here, only a temporary long stone table has been set up. Guo 12th used a Fu carving knife to remove the surface of the ice stone bit by bit.

The Fu carving knife was an essential tool for every Fu Knight. The one that 12th was using has been used by his teacher Luo Jie when he was younger. It has been modified a bit when he gave it to Guo 12th. It was a very useful tool that can be used for cutting, carving, grinding, excavating, and many other functions.

The grey ice stone was slowly separated, revealing an inner black stone. 12th collected the carved off ice stone bead, and only left the palm-size black stone. It was as heavy as metal, Guo 12th did not know what this black stone was.

But he was not discouraged, he continued carving even when he could not find anything, 12th was determined to not give up. Two Fu exchanged for a prize-winning opportunity, of course he will not give up. As he was carving carefully, a trace of crystal substance appeared within the black stone.

Guo 12th was happy, he believed that it was better to see something than nothing at all. He continued carving bit by bit with even more care.

A burst of bone-chilling aura was released from the stone, Guo 12th's hands could not help, but tremble when he held onto the stone. 12th took a piece of leather and wrapped it around his hands while he continued to grind away using the Fu carving knife. An irregular semi-translucent object appeared, it was much colder than ice, the air turned into white mist when the cold exposed into the air.

A word flashed across Guo 12th's mind, "Profound Ice Stone!" He carefully wrapped the Profound Ice Stone in beast leather, then he took out a book and quickly searched for the origin and usage of the Profound Ice Stone.

Profound Ice Stone, a product of ice stone, extremely cold, also known as Profound Ice Jade, was one of the best materials used for making Innate Fu.

Guo 12th took a deep breath, he knew that he had made a huge profit. This was a material that's much more precious than those used for making Treasure Fu. This was the treasure for making Innate Fu. He shook his head, this small Profound Ice Jade was enough to trade for 8 to 10 Treasure Fu, 12th could not believe he traded it with two low level one-time use Fu.

The beast leather could effectively block off the cold. Guo 12th carefully picked up the Profound Ice Jade that has been wrapped by beast leather, and puts it into his Fu hidden bag. This was his treasure, he was very happy about gaining a precious material for making Innate Fu. This was the charm of Fu town, one could find precious material as long as they had enough luck.

As 12th was thinking that his luck was not bad, Luo Zhan came in and said, "12th, go sign up for some disciple missions tomorrow, you must finish 3 disciple missions of the inner court before returning."

"Ah? We have a policy like this?"

12th was not happy inside, he thought for a moment and asked, "Are these 3 missions assigned? Or do we have choices?" he was not interested in the so-called missions, but he had to complete the missions if he wanted to return back to the inner court. If there were choices, he would choose the most simple ones. If they were assigned, then he could not do anything but try his best.

Luo Zhan admired Guo 12th's funny face for a moment, and said with a smile, "Both!"

Guo 12th said, "What do you mean mean?" He was not able to ask fast enough.

Luo Zhan said, "There will be one mission that is assigned, and two that can be chosen. Go to the inner court head office that's stationed inside Ye Guan City, there are many disciple missions there. He He, you should have registered earlier."

Guo 12th was sad and said, "Ok, I'll go check it out right now." He thought to himself, "Ah, it's really unfortunate! I never expected that they would ask a 9 years old child to complete missions, isn't this child abuse? This can never be justified! It's pointless pretending to be useless and even more pointless to play dumb...what kind of world is this...Ai!"

Guo 12th continued to jabber as he followed Luo Zhan out the door. It was the second time he went out today, Luo Zhan couldn't help but want to laugh, this child is too funny, it seems that he understood the meaning of the missions, but appeared to be unwilling to do them. His little face was wrinkled.

12th suddenly wakes up and asked, "Where did Huo Bao and Hong Shi go? It seems like I have not see them for 2 or 3 days."

Luo Zhan smiled, "12th, didn't you allow them freedom to explore?"

Guo 12th was surprised, "Hmm? Did I?"

Luo Zhan shook his head helplessly, this child started to play dumb again. Luo Zhan has been together with Guo 12th for a few months, he already knew very well that 12th was clever. "Ok, whatever you say..." he smiled cooly, "Do you want to find them?" he asked.

Guo 12th said, "Of course, I can't complete the missions on my own!"

When they arrived at the head office of the North Fu Sect in Ye Guan City, Luo Zhan led 12th to the Missions Hall, there were a few people sitting behind a row of desk, most of them were disciples of the outer court.

"Full name? Age? Occupation? Disciple of inner court or outer court?"

The disciple of the outer court who was responsible for the registrations asked with a dead tone and without care. Guo 12th was not happy and

spoke in an impulsive manner.

"Check it yourself!"

He threw his identification card on the desk.

That person was not happy either and intentionally caused trouble for 12th. He said, "What...I knew you were a disciple of the inner court, Ai, disciples of the inner court are extraordinary...even the wimpy kids will put on air. If you don't want to register, then please leave..."

Guo 12th was shocked. He did not expect someone to call him a wimpy kid.

# **Chapter 3 - Mission**

12th said disdainfully, "Who is a wimpy kid?" 12th could not believe a disciple from the outer court would humiliate a disciple of the inner court. He lived in the North Fu Sect for almost a year and clearly understood the position of disciples from the inner court. Perhaps this outer court disciple saw him as a little child, therefore treated him badly.

Luo Zhan stayed outside and did not go into the hall, but he was a Fu Warrior Master, a very powerful person, he knew something has happened inside even though he was not there. He was shocked when he found out what happened, he wondered if the outer court disciple was crazy. He quietly walked into the hall and leaned against the wall with his arms crossed over his chest. He smiled and watched quietly.

The outer court disciple did not even look up and said, "You! You are the wimpy kid!" The people next to them were stupefied, nobody tried to stop them, they just watched foolishly.

12th was not easily provoked, he nodded and said, "Where did this idiot come from?"

When 12th did nothing impulsively, the outer court disciple became impatient, the word "idiot" sounded really irritating because it came from a younger boy. 12th was just a little boy, yet he swore at people with a very disrespectful tone. The outer court disciple jumped up and threw his notebook at 12th.

12th suddenly had a strange smile, he did not move at all, he simply

stood steadily in place. He was well aware that the notebook would not result in his death no matter how hard the notebook was thrown. 12th understood that attacking someone of the inner court, especially a person who was the disciple of a FuZhou Great Master would result in severe punishment.

Perhaps he could refuse the missions with this opportunity, killing two birds with one stone, why not? So, 12th decided to get hit without putting down any resistance.

But 12th looked down upon the rules of this world. A streak of green light flashed by, and with a loud cry, a single arm from the outer court disciple flew off and the notebook was thrown far away. Luo Zhan was holding a Fu broad sword and shouted, "How dare you!"

The outburst from a Fu Warrior Master was very scary, with the aura forced out, everyone stepped back. 12th sighed to himself, Luo Zhan's attack was a little early, 12th understood that if he got hurt, Luo Zhan would be held responsible too.

"Ask the person in charge to come over! I need an explanation. If you can't give me a reason...all the consequences will be yours!"

Luo Zhan assertively said.

12th did not expect to see bloodshed so early, although he was not afraid of blood, he didn't expect a guard will slay someone just because they attacked a disciple of the inner court.

That outer court disciple rolled around on the floor with the stump of his arm. When he saw that Luo Zhan was a Fu Warrior Master, his heart suddenly frozed. At first, he thought 12th was just an ordinary disciple of the inner court and since his own uncle was a Zhou Knight from the inner court, he thought his uncle was enough to protect him.

Therefore, he believed that it would be okay to bully 12th. In fact, it was not even bullying, he just wanted to make things a little difficult for him. He thought that since 12th was a child, it didn't matter as long as he was not too excessive. Who knew that the word "idiot" would make him so mad. He was not thinking at that time, he just picked up the notebook and threw it at 12th to vent out his anger. He never expected the little child's guard was a Fu Warrior Master, he now realized that he was in big trouble.

A few people rushed out from inside, one of them yelled, "Who? Who dares to cause trouble in the head office of the North Fu Sect?"

Luo Zhan said nonchalantly, "It's me! This person attacked the person I'm guarding!" He continued, "If we were not in the head office of the North Fu Sect in Ye Guan City, I would have killed him with a single swing!"

When seeing a Fu Warrior Master speak, that person was too afraid to continue asking questions. Another person ran over to that armless man, and said, "Po Ji, Po Ji! You...someone, please bring a Fu Dan Knight to treat this!"

The hall was in great disorder, 12th smiled reluctantly, he shook his head, turned around and wanted to leave, but somebody did not let him go. There were two Fu Warriors who stepped in front of him to prevent

him from leaving. Luo Zhan yelled, "Get out of the way!"

With a bitter face, the two Fu Warriors said, "Sorry, can you please wait a minute?"

Luo Zhan understood that it was not a problem for him to leave if he used force, but the problems still had to be resolved so he said, "12th, let's wait a bit and see what they want." He walked to the side and brought a chair for 12th and said, "12th, sit down."

12th knew that he could not leave, he sighed and sat down, as if nothing happened. He thought that he really needs to take advantage of his childlike appearance, whether it was fair or not, he could get out of trouble. Therefore he was not nervous at all, his expression was very calm.

Luo Zhan has been focusing his attention towards 12th, from the point where he chopped off that person's arm and so far he was very satisfied with how 12th reacted. This child was really extraordinary he thought. Normally, even the most courageous children would tremble in fear when they see someone's arm get chopped off in front of them. But 12th's facial expression did not change at all, he looked perfectly calm, as if he simply did not care.

This was normal if they were a battle-hardened adult, but since 12th was only 9 years old, it seemed very odd.

The hall was in disorder for about 10 minutes before the supervisor came over. He was a Zhou Master, or more precisely, a Fire Zhou Master. He said, "I'm the supervisor here, why did you hurt the people here?"

12th spoke before Luo Zhan could say anything, "There is something wrong with what you have said, what do you mean we hurt the people here? You didn't even ask for the reason, only went straight for the outcome...is this the way you handle problems?"

Luo Zhan said proudly, "I am a supporter of FuZhou Great Master Luo Jie, may I have your name?"

The supervisor's face suddenly turned pale white. He was a supporter of a FuZhou Great Master? Then this child's identity was even more prominent, if not a disciple then he could be their grandchildren. He could not afford to offend these type of people.

"I am Zheng Xian Ren, the supervisor here, I will report to the inner court of the incident today. The results should be determined by the Criminal Hall. I'm came here to get the details about the situation."

Luo Zhan said with a sneer, "I am very surprise these kinds of incidents could occur here. And also, it was unexpected that you, the supervisor, would try to push the blame on us. What do you want to do? Since that person dared to attack a disciple of the inner court, I could have killed him...taking one of his arm was already giving you guys a lot of face!

Zheng Xian Ren cursed inside, he knew that he will be in trouble if he did not handle this situation well. In fact, he has already briefly learned about the incident and understood that his side was in the wrong because they started the fight. Fortunately for him, his men did not really hit the child, if they did, they will be in big trouble.

12th thought this situation was a waste, he complained a little about how Luo Zhan acted so fast. If not, he could have used this opportunity to shamelessly refuse the missions.

Zheng Xian Ren looked down and said, "I will let you know the results." Zheng Xian Ren did not want to continue negotiating since he was afraid that he could not help but quarrel with them. He then turned around and quickly walked away.

"Take this bastard to the Criminal Hall!"

Luo Zhan heard what Zheng Xian Ren said and he knew that Zheng Xian Ren yielded. He did not want to make things too complicated, "12th, just accept the missions first."

12th could only go accept his missions. And soon, he came back smilingly because the missions were extremely simple to him, they were nothing to him.

Luo Zhan left his name and identification and then left with 12th.

Huo Bao and his teammates were waiting in the courtyard. The first thing 12th did when he came back was to discuss the missions. One mission was assigned and the other two were chosen.

The assigned mission was to kill a beast in the mountains near Ye Guan City. The requirements was that 12th needed to dissect the beast himself and collect the Fu-making raw materials from it.

For the two chosen missions, one was to purchase material in Fu town and use them to make one-time use Fu. The other mission was to sell the one-time use Fu in Fu town. If 12th was an innocent 9 years old child then these missions would be a little difficult, but since he was not, these missions were nothing to him.

Luo Zhan shook his head because he already knew that 12th purchased materials in Fu town and finished making one-time use Fu with them. The only thing which was difficult for him was hunting the wild beast. Luo Zhan was 12th's mission supervisor, his job was to judge whether 12th's has completed the missions or not.

12th had lots of missions when he was in the army from his previous life, he did not expect to start accepting missions in this life too. But luckily the missions were very simple. He loved hunting in his previous life, but after he retired from the army the environment was not suitable for hunting so as a result, he did not have any resentment towards the assigned mission.

Huo Bao said, "This mission is too easy. 12th, you can wait aside, we are enough to kill a beast, you can just come collect the materials after we kill it."

12th shook his head and said, "We can't do that from now on, we have to learn to cooperate with each other, plus I don't want to wait aside and let you guys risk your lives fighting for me."

Chen Bing said, "Listen to 12th's orders."

Chen Hong was a little girl and she was afraid to express her opinions.

She just listened to what others said, Hong Shi frowned and said, "How do we cooperate?"

12th said, "How to cooperate? You guys have to figure it out yourselves, I just want you guys to follow a rule where you guys maximize the protection of each other and achieve the maximum chance of success. This is the goal of cooperation. For the method...we can gradually practice and improve. Remember! Safety is the most important rule and requirement. If you die...there will be nothing left, so you have to consider how to run away if you are unable to accomplish the mission."

Luo Zhan was astonished when he listened to 12th. Was this what a 9 years old child would say?

Huo Bao and his teammates were also stunned because what 12th has said was totally different from what they have been taught. The education they have received was to go forward and not be afraid of sacrifice. Huo Bao did not understand, he asked, "Why is safety the most important?"

Guo 12th raised his little hand and slapped Huo Bao's shoulder. He initially wanted to slap his head, but Huo Bao was too tall, therefore he could only slap his shoulder. "Are you stupid...what could you do if you are dead?"

Huo Bao was a little confused, how could he be dead?

"But I'm alive..."

12th slapped him again and shouted, "Of course you are alive! If you are dead...how can I be talking to you?"

Luo Zhan could not help but grin and laugh silently, the other Fu Warriors standing next to them also couldn't resist. Huo Bao was tall and strong, but his brain was not his strong point.

12th explained for half a day, Huo Bao finally understood 12th's intentions, he mumbled, "Safety is the most important...then how do we fight? Staying in the inner court would be the safest..."

12th wanted to hit him again, but Huo Bao's shoulders were as hard as iron, after slapping him twice, 12th's hands were swelling and Huo Bao did not seem hurt at all. Guo 12th was too angry, he kicked and shouted, "What did you say?"

Huo Bao was shocked, "No...I didn't say anything..."

Everyone couldn't help but laugh. Chen Hong also laughed with her hands covering her mouth. Chen Bing said, "I think 12th is right, we have to think a little more about how we act."

They were still children after all, they were not very knowledgeable and it was indeed a bit difficult for them to understand. 12th saw them scratching their heads, "Bao, you have hunted a bear before, think about it, what should be the best method to use if we are going to hunt a bear?" he asked.

12th kept silent and listened to their discussion carefully. After only

listening for a while, he couldn't help but wanting to slap them. However, it was not fair to blame them because they did not have any combat experience, how could they think of a good combat plan? 12th knew that he was being too impatient.

12th raised his little hand and said, "Stop! Listen to me!"

Huo Bao immediately closed his mouth. He chattered aimlessly and did not discuss any key points.

12th said, "Huo Bao you are the main attacker. Chen Bing, your role is to restrain the target, using the Fu spear or Fu bow does not matter, you only need to pin down the target. Hong Shi, your role is very important, you must block the attacks with the Fu shield. Chen Hong...hmm, you... you can stay by me, your role is to protect me. The whole team...has two points of attack, one is Huo Bao, and the other is me. So far we can only deal with one beast we should not try to fight against two or more beasts, we cannot handle them right now."

"So, this time we need to practice fighting against one beast, according to my arrangements, you guys need to learn to cooperate. We are a team and the power of a whole team will be a lot stronger than fighting as individuals. But...if we encounter a Fu Warrior Master like Uncle Luo, the only thing we can do is to run. Because...we will be dead no matter how well we cooperate in the face of an absolute powerful force!

Luo Zhan could not help but smile. Indeed, with his strength, even against a couple of small teams like 12th's he can defeat them.

12th suddenly smiled and said, "Of course we could not directly fight

against a strong enemy like Uncle Luo, but it does not mean that we have no chance at all!"

Luo Zhan was a little surprised, his attention suddenly rose. He wanted to listen to how this strange child can create a chance against him.

Chen Bing said, "12th, Uncle Luo is a Fu Warrior Master! We could never win...even if he was a Fu Warrior." They all appeared to be confused.

12th asked, "You guys think there is zero chance?"

Everyone looked at 12th with surprise and curiosity. Huo Bao was nodding.

"If Uncle Luo falls into a well-designed trap, and also triggers a lot of one-time use Fu, He He, the traps can be designed with a chain-reaction effect...When Uncle Luo is seriously wounded, we can sneak attack him. At that time...even if we cannot kill him, if he wants to kill us...it will be much more difficult than fighting us directly. If we have good cooperation, we will have a chance to kill Uncle Luo. Ha Ha."

Luo Zhan broke out in cold sweat, this child was terrifying.

The children were confused, they did not think an ambush and trap could be used like that. Then, 12th said, "This kind of strategy might work against someone like Uncle Luo, but if the enemy is someone like a Fu Warrior Great Master, then we will have a zero chance of winning. Because...with a Fu Warrior Great Master's strength, it is enough to

ignore any threats we bring to them. That is the meaning of absolute strength."

With a bitter smile, Luo Zhan said, "According to your well-designed plan, anyone who wants to kill a Fu Warrior or a Zhou Knight can most likely kill them easily. 12th, you are very cunning."

Huo Bao couldn't help but say, "This...this is too despicable..."

12th slapped him roughly, "What's despicable! If you're dead, even if you die an honorable man...you are still only a dead man! Idiot!"

Huo Bao's face blushed red. Luo Zhan became serious, and said, "Huo Bao, 12th is right. You have to be happy that you are supporting the right person! I have seen a lot of ... Fu Warriors with good potential, but they supported a commander that was not smart enough so they just end up dead outside Savage Gate. Courage and bravery is important, but you have to be able to understand the actual situation. An unnecessary sacrifice is the most annoying thing, remember, do not let yourself die a worthless death."

Looking at these 4 innocent children, Luo Zhan sighed. He understood that except for 12th, this strange child, the other 4 needed to learn gradually. They truly knew nothing at all.

12th said to himself, "This was only using traps, if used methods like poison and deception, even those Fu Warrior Great Masters...cannot withstand everything, but I cannot tell them this, or I will become a real devil to them."

If Luo Zhan knew what 12th was thinking, he would not only break out in cold sweat, but would firmly insist on leaving this little devil.

12th sometimes would sigh, the people here were too simple and honest, but they only treated their own kind this way. To foreigners or savages, they were not simple at all, they were fierce and bloody. Different from people in his previous life, people here, even ordinary people were used to killing.

Huo Bao's little brain could not understand 12th's words. But he was very happy to be the main attacker. According to what 12th said, they started to discuss how to work together and become a better team.

12th said, "You guys talk about it, I'll go make a few Fu. We will start hunting tomorrow. If we complete the missions earlier then we could return earlier, this place is not fun."

Maybe these kinds of missions were suitable for children. But this was absolutely not the case for 12th, but since these were assigned by the North Fu Sect, he could not refuse. The intention of the missions were to train the team's ability of accepting missions, ability of completing missions, and to improve their ability of communication, organization, and practical skills. 12th understood this very well, therefore he did not resist accepting the missions.

He finished making two one-time use attack Fu and cultivated his FuZhou power once. After dinner, he sat on his bed and started to chant the inscriptions, to purify his soul power bit by bit.

The next morning, 12th led Luo Bao and his teammates out of town.

Luo Zhan also took 3 Fu Warriors with him. His duty was to protect them and supervise them on the completion of the mission. He would not help them during any battles, but if they were facing something extremely dangerous then he would have to ensure their safety, or atleast the safety of 12th.

People in the gateway were all going to Savage Gate, most of them were in teams, and only a small percentage of people were going out alone.

12th's team ate breakfast at a food stall near the gateway, he truly missed the fried dough, soy milk, and pickled vegetables from his previous life. The breakfasts here were all meat bone soup with a layer of oil on top as thick as a finger and big pieces of steamed meat with bread. The bread was as hard as a rock and had to be ripped up in the soup so it could be eaten.

Early spring morning, a thin mist surrounded the outer town. Buds came out from the trees, and the greens of spring emerged in the fog. The road on the way was covered with snow that did not melt yet, and the singing of birds echoed in the forest.

A couple small figures were traveling within the forest, not far away from them were 4 big men quietly following them. They were moving up and down and gradually arrived deep in the forest.

10 meters in front of Huo Bao was Chen Bing, he was small and flexible, he could pass through the forest with ease. Huo Bao was holding the Fu broad sword, and his attention was focused to the left, behind him was Hong Shi, and his attention was focused to the right. Guo 12th was in the middle and followed calmly and quietly. Chen Hong was behind him and she only needed to focus on the back. In fact, the back was the

safest because Luo Zhan and the 3 Fu Warriors were following behind them.

Although they killed a few beasts on the way, they were all small beasts so it could not be considered completing the mission. So they continued to walk deeper into the forest, hoping to encounter a bigger prey.

Luo Zhan clearly knew that there would be no dangerous beasts within this region, within the radius of a hundred miles outside of Ye Guan City, it was impossible to encounter truly furious beasts because Fu Warriors would drive them away at regular intervals. Only beyond the radius of a hundred miles would be considered of truly entering the active region of the beasts.

That night, the 5 children rested on the trees.

They finally entered the active region of the beasts the next day, but the beasts that would appear near Ye Guan City were very few in numbers because the beasts were scared of being killed by the Fu Warriors, they would instinctively stay away from Ye Guan City.

The sound of a flowing stream can be heard from far away.

Chen Bing who walked in front suddenly stopped, he slightly lowered his body and gently lifted his left hand while pressing his palm downwards. Everyone immediately stopped walking, squated down and waited.

A while later, Chen Bing stepped back slowly, he said in an extremely

low voice, "There is a striped tiger in the front...do we attack?"

Striped tigers were a forest type tiger that had little value. Their fur was similar to the leopards from 12th's previous life, but it was almost double in size of the leopard. It was a huge beast. Its fur was a little valuable and its meat could be eaten, but everything else was worthless.

12th said quietly, "Wait until it leaves, it's not worth killing!"

Hua Hua.....

A loud noise came from the forest towards their left. 12th was surprised and whispered, "Hide yourselves, something big is coming!" His heart was filled with a sense of unease.

### Chapter 4 - Run

The faces of Luo Zhan and the 3 Fu Warriors turned pale, they quickly caught up with 12th's team, Luo Zhan whispered quietly, "Step back! It's dangerous, it should be a huge beast, you guys can't handle it!" Luo Zhan's experience was extremely vast, he could tell that the beast was very powerful just from the sound. Normally, beasts that could walk in the dense forest fearlessly were extremely vicious.

### Roar!

This time not only was Luo Zhan surprised, the others' faces all turned pale. 12th whispered quietly, "Vagrant Savage!" He knew how the Vagrant Savage sounded like because he has seen a captured Vagrant Savage on his way to Ye Guan City.

Luo Zhan smiled bitterly, he never expected to encounter a Vagrant Savage outside of Ye Guan City. This was serious trouble, he was not afraid of the Vagrant Savage, but with the children, if they were hurt then it will be a problem. This was the reason why he felt worried, even if he cannot defeat it, he did not dare escape and leave them behind.

12th said quietly, "The Vagrant Savage might not have discovered us, let's slowly go back..."

Luo Zhan stopped them, "Don't move, Vagrant Savages are very powerful in the dense forest, wait until they pass through...shh!" He placed a finger in front of his lips, motioning everyone to be silent.

#### Boom!

Then came a loud noise, it was the sound of a tree trunk getting smashed. It followed with a tragic roar from the tiger.

"Retreat!"

12th decisively ordered the children to retreat back. Luo Zhan and one Fu Warrior did not move, the other two Fu Warriors joined 12th's team, one of them said, "If the battle starts, you guys only need to annoy the savage, let us be the main attackers!"

Another clattering noise suddenly can be heard from their rear towards the right side. This time even Luo Zhan was greatly frightened, he did not expect that there was going to be another Vagrant Savage.

Luo Zhan realized the seriousness of this situation, because they were within a one hundred miles radius of Ye Guan City, and there were already two Vagrant Savages here, this can only mean that there was going to be even more Vagrant Savages heading this way.

"You guys protect 12th, quickly run back to Ye Guan City, report the situation here and request for reinforcements. Ask the people from the town to immediately come out to fight."

Luo Zhan continued, "I'll go distract the attention of the Vagrant Savages...don't worry about me, I'll have no problem getting away."

"Roar!"

"Shit, we are discovered!"

Luo Zhan knew that Vagrant Savages are powerful within the forest, they were not only incredibly strong, but also extremely aggressive. "Quickly go!" he rushed towards the Vagrant Savage as he shouted. One of the Fu warriors held 12th, the other two Fu Warriors took a child under each arm, turned around and ran off towards Ye Guan City.

12th finally understood how powerful Fu Warriors were, even when they were holding the children, each of their steps was about 7 to 8 meters apart. A faint aura can be seen from the Fu Inscription tattoos on their bodies, the tree branches would immediately crack and break off when they touched the aura.

The 3 Fu Warriors had created 3 lines in the dense forest as they ran. 12th felt like he was flying on a cloud, he could only hear the crackling sounds from each step and even had difficulty breathing because the oncoming wind was too strong. He was extremely shocked, he has never seen such amazing skills in his previous lives. And this was only from a Fu Warrior, his little contempt towards the Fu Warrior profession has vanished. The forces in this world was countless times stronger than what he has seen before.

Loud noises can be heard not too far away, it sounded like claps of thunder, within the noise there were frequent roars. 12th knew that Luo Zhan was fighting against the savages, he could not help but worry about him. During these days, Luo Zhan has devoted all his time to be by his side. 12th already treated this honest Uncle as his elder, 12th felt a little sad when he saw him run towards the savages with disregard of his own life.

The speed of the 3 Fu Warriors was fast, soon the noises from the battle disappeared. The 3 Fu Warriors were all breathing heavily and with a lot of intensity, they gradually slowed down. The endurance of the Fu Warriors were nowhere near the levels of the Fu Warrior Masters. They have done their best running as fast as possible, but if they continued running in their current physical state, everyone would be in trouble if they encountered enemies.

12th said, "Stop! Stop!"

They were really tired and immediately stopped when they heard 12th's order. 12th jumped down and said, "Uncles, please rest a bit." He continued, "Chen Bing, Huo Bao, Hong Shi, the three of you, stay alert. Chen Hong, give me the Fu hidden bag and take out some meat for the Uncles, they need to replenish their strength as soon as possible."

Chen Hong was in charge of the Fu hidden bag which contained all the supplies. The meat was prepared by Auntie Xin according to 12th's instructions, they were air dried after being braised, it tasted much better than the meat made locally.

Everyone got 4 pieces of fist-sized meat, they quickly finished eating. Food was most important when trying to replenish one's strength.

Water was stored in the Water Fu Leather bag, the bag was about 1 foot in length. Based on the experience from his past life, 12th knew that the water bag could hold about a ton of water. Even with a ton of water the weight of the bag was light, the secret were the hidden Fu that were added when making the water bag. This type of water bag was very

expensive, because the beast leather required was rare.

After resting for about 10 minutes, 12th said, "Ok, let's go! This is not a place where we can stay too long. Don't ask the Uncles to carry us, we need to walk by ourselves as much as possible so they can reserve their strength and flee with us in case we encounter anything dangerous." 12th analyzed everything logically, everyone understood and was convinced. The 3 Fu Warriors also agreed, so there were absolutely no objections. 12th naturally became the team leader, a 9-year-old team leader.

12th's decision slowed down the pace of the team, but it allowed the Fu Warriors to reserve their strength in order to have a chance of escaping any dangers. If the 3 Fu Warriors were exhausted, the 5 children would not be able to do anything, they were after all just children.

The 3 Fu Warriors admired 12th's decision, they all thought, the child will have a bright future. They could tell from the way 12th commanded, he was perfectly calm, did not have any signs of panic, and acted like a mighty general at such a young age.

Since they had to quickly run forward, one of the Fu Warriors was responsible for scouting ahead. the other two protected the children from the left and right. The 3 Fu Warriors were moving in a triangular formation.

Seeing the skies get darker, 12th was a little worried, it will be harder to move during the night. He thought for a moment, and gnashed his teeth, "We are not resting tonight, let's continuing moving forward!"

Moving in the dense forest at night was very dangerous, but nobody

knew what might happen if they rested for a night. The 3 Fu Warriors were all hesitant, and 12th said, "Uncle Luo has not caught up with us yet, we don't know what's going on behind us. Vagrant Savages normally travelled alone, but this time there were two within such a short distance of each other, I feel something is not right. So...the sooner we leave the forest the better."

Even though he was just a small team leader, there were 3 Fu Warriors in the team, so he had to convince them.

They glanced at each other and nodded at the same time. Walking at night was very dangerous, but it was better than encountering savages. If they chose to rest and the savages caught up to them, without a Fu Warrior Master to stop it, one of them must scarifice themselves so the others can flee. Therefore, 12th's decision was very wise.

Walking at night was very difficult, but 12th did not suffer at all since the 3 Fu Warriors took turns carrying him. They could not do anything about it because 12th was young, small, and was a FuZhou disciple, his strength was nowhere near the levels of the Fu Warrior disciples. He would easily trip when walking during the night, so the Fu Warriors decided to carry him on their backs without hesitation. The other 4 children did not have such benefits, they had to walk on their own. They had Fu Warrior potential after all, their physical strength was much higher than 12th's.

At dawn, a Fu Warrior recognized their position, and said, "We are close to Ye Guan City!"

The trees surrounding them became less dense and under the gray sky, the jagged mountains of Ye Guan City can be seen. Even though they could not see the walls of Ye Guan City, 12th knew that they would arrive in less than 2 hours. When everyone gave a sigh of relief, a faint roar can be heard.

12th listened carefully and his face turned increasingly pale. He could no longer keep calm, he was anxious and quickly said, "I heard 7 or 8 roars, all of them came from different positions!"

"Run! Use all your strength! We have to get to Ye Guan City!"

The 3 Fu warriors clearly heard everything too, they understood 12th's intentions. There were at least 7 to 8 savages behind them, if they get caught, all of them would die. Luckily they continued to move at night, otherwise, they probably would had been caught already. The 3 Fu Warriors held a child under their arms and exerted all their strength to sprint towards Ye Guan City.

It was fortunate that 12th paid attention to everyone on the team, especially the 3 Fu Warriors. Therefore after the rest last night, the 3 Fu Warriors saved enough strength to run as fast as possible. The trees became less and less dense, a few trails can be seen which made it easier to run through when compared to the dense inner forest.

Soon, they saw many others running out of the forest and then someone sent out the warning whistles. They were the Fu Warriors that patrolled the borders, everyone who heard the warning will know to immediately return back to Ye Guan City. Afterwards, they saw the Guard Team appear. 12th was secretly relieved, he knew that they were temporarily out of danger, but he had no intentions of stopping because he knew they were not truly safe until they have reached the city.

A flash of red light rose into the air with a thunderous blast. A Flame Fu was shot into the sky, it was an even more severe warning, it meant the situation was very bad.

Soon, 12th saw the walls of Ye Guan City. He shouted, "Quick! Quickly run!" He stared towards the forest and could not help but whisper, "How come Uncle Luo is still not out yet? Ah, hopefully he will not fight too recklessly..."

Not far away, a storm of roars can be heard followed by a long and terrifying scream. 12th said, "This is bad, the path is blocked." The gate was in front of them, but savages already appeared. It was impossible to run backwards either, and if they went in from another gate they would have to run around the city, it was not a good idea.

12th quickly calculated in his mind, then decisively said, "Rush pass them!"

The 3 Fu Warriors rushed forward without hesitation, but they were obviously tired.

Roar!

12th yelled, "Scatter apart!"

The 3 Fu Warriors scattered at once, they were dozens of meters apart from each other and quickly ran out of the forest. Suddenly, they saw a Vagrant Savage chasing other people who were trying to flee, but a Fu Warrior team were also in pursuit of the savage.

The Vagrant Savage seemed to understand that the Fu Warriors behind it were people that were harder to deal with so it did not turn around to fight, but instead chose to chase the weaker people. The savage targeted 12th's group as they ran out of the forest because there were 5 children in the group and one of the savage's favorite things to eat were children.

12th did not know that savages goes crazy at the sight of children. When the savage gave up chasing the others and directly rushed towards his group, he was astonished and cursed, "What the f\*\*k...does this savage have a grudge against us? Don't stop, run forward!"

It was impossible to turn around and escape this time because the Vagrant Savages were extremely fast and the Fu Warriors carrying them were exhausted. If they turned around and tried to flee it would only be a dead end.

12th calmed himself down, he did not intend to use any one-time use Fu because it would barely hurt the savage and would only irritate it. He did not want to irritate an adult Vagrant Savage. He decided to use the Treasure Fu in his left wrist to attack, the power of the Treasure Fu would absolutely hurt the savage. If hit with high precision it might even critically hurt it.

The Fu Warrior's face was covered in sweat, he was not afraid of death, but the child on his back had to be saved, so he was very nervous.

12th whispered next to his ear, "Uncle, rush towards the savage and jump to the side when I say 'Dodge'."

The Fu Warrior wondered how this child is not scared? But at this time he did not have any ideas, he answered, "12th, you take this chance, but don't lose your life here!"

12th said, "Focus and get ready!" He already started to gather his FuZhou power, and used the Fu seal to activate the Treasure Fu. When 12th activates the single attack Treasure Fu Frostbolt, it will summoned a 2 foot long Frostbolt, it was extremely powerful because it was personally made by Luo Jie.

12th could not do anything but directly shoot the Frostbolt. 12th only had one chance so he decided to aim at the largest section because he did not want to risk missing completely.

According to Luo Jie's estimates, 12th should only be able to barely activate the Treasure Fu once, but he did not know about 12th's powerful soul. Even 12th, himself thought that he could only activate the Treasure Fu once, so he was very cautious.

"Do you want to die! Run away!"

"Hey! Get away!"

"Is there a Zhou Knight here? Quickly shoot an Attack Fu...block the savage!"

The Fu Warriors who were chasing the savage were all alarmed, seeing a Fu Warrior carrying a child rushing directly towards the Vagrant Savage, they all shouted loudly. And then, they saw a flash of brightness and a translucent light and then a two foot long arrow appeared in the child's hands.

About 30 meters away from the savage, 12th shouted, "Dodge!" and the Frostbolt in his hands immediately shot out, roaring straight towards the savage.

Since 12th was not confident in his control of the Treasure Fu, he did not want to shoot the savage in the eyes or neck because he was afraid that he might miss. He aimed directly at the savage's chest and abdomen area, because those areas were bigger, easier to hit, and most often, neglected. As expected, the savage did not dodge at all, totally ignoring the oncoming Frostbolt.

It was very fortunate for 12th, that the Frostbolt hit the target with the first attempt.

The speed of the Vagrant Savage was very fast, it took just a few steps and the Frostbolt hit the lower abdomen area. The savage did not care at all, because it had confidence on it's strong body. A Fu bow will barely hurt it, not to mention this small Frostbolt. But after the Frostbolt hit the lower abdomen area, a sharp pain spread out, the savage could not help but give a miserable roar and stumbled a bit.

The Frostbolt almost completely pierced into it's lower abdomen, leaving only the tail of the arrow outside the body.

Meanwhile, the Fu Warrior who was carrying 12th took advantage of the situation and ran towards the savage from less than 10 meters away. As they ran past each other, 12th softly shouted, "Burst!" A Fu seal activated and the Frostbolt in the savage's abdomen suddenly exploded. This was the true power of Frostbolt.

The savage looked at it's abdomen unbelievably. It could not understand how a child could have such a powerful weapon. It's abdomen had a big hole, fresh, blood, and internal organs splattered everywhere. The savage felt that its inexhaustible strength was gradually disappearing, and with a roar of pain, it suddenly crashed onto the ground.

One Frostbolt injured a savage.

This was definitely not the work of a disciple, only Zhou Masters could send out these types of Fu attacks, which was even more powerful than Zhou Knights. The Fu Warrior team who was chasing the savage were all shocked. Then someone shouted, "Amazing!"

The team of Fu Warriors surged forward. The savage suddenly jumped up from the ground and flung the Fu Warrior who arrived first down, it opened its wide mouth and was ready to bite down, but another Fu Warrior rushed from the side and with a shout delivered a strong kick to the side of the savage's head. The huge head was knocked over with a click sound, the savage's mouth fiercely bit on the ground and ate a mouthful of dirt.

The Fu Warrior who was flung down by the savage felt a chill on his neck. He was covered in cold sweat, "Help me!" he shouted.

Another Fu Warrior jumped up and concentrated his strength on a

thick spear he was holding. The Fu Inscriptions on the spear suddenly lit up, and with a shout the spear severely penetrated into the savage's back. The savage let go of the Fu Warrior who was flung down and looked up with a painful howl.

Another Fu Warrior caught the Fu Warrior by his arm and dragged him out beneath the savage.

Ha!

A streak of green light flashed by and the head of the savage was cut off.

When the savage was injured with it's knees on the ground, the Fu Warrior carrying 12th was truly exhausted, but he ran about 50 meters away from the savage with each step stumbling. A Fu Warrior quickly ran over and caught him and said, "All right! Put down the child."

12th said, "Uncle, take a rest." Although the attack used up all his FuZhou power, 12th suddenly felt a fluctuation within his soul that was becoming more intense. And with a blink of an eye, the lost FuZhou power was almost completely replenished, this meant that he could activate the Treasure Fu again. He was pleasantly surprised with this discovery.

Every Fu Warrior there saw 12th shot out the Frostbolt and they all admired him for activating such a powerful Treasure Fu. If the savage was not seriously injured, the Fu Warrior team would certainly have a few casualties.

The Fu Warrior, who chopped off the savage's head, threw the head to 12th, and said, "This is yours, you have done a great job! Let your supporters turn in your mission with this!"

The Fu Warrior carrying 12th caught the head and said, "Thanks Brother!"

That Fu Warrior waved his hand, "No problem, if not for his help, we might have a couple casualties, it is us who needs to thank you guys."

"We cannot stay here, get into the city as soon as possible, there are more savages coming. Go! Go!"

12th was anxious, he asked, "Uncle, can you still walk?"

"Yes! I can!"

The Fu Warrior carrying 12th also knew how serious the situation was. Even though he was exhausted, he should have no problem walking. He then held onto 12th's hand and walked towards the gate. Huo Bao and the other 3 children were waiting for them. They ran over towards 12th excitedly. "Run towards the gate! Run towards the gate!" 12th shouted hurriedly.

This was a critical moment, as long as they are able to get inside the city they should be safe, if they moved slowly and encountered two more savages then everyone here would be in danger. As 12th shouted, he rushed towards the gate. He has already activated his Shadow Fu to enhance his strength before, so his legs became stronger. Although his

steps were relatively small, he ran really fast.

The distance from the gate was about 700 to 800 meters, soon 12th was breathless and he continued to hear roars from behind him as he got closer to the gate. He looked back as he ran, and he could not help but gasp as his hair stood up. With just a glance, he could see no less than 3 savages rushing out of the forest and it seemed like there were even more coming behind them.

### Run! Quickly run!

12th wanted to run faster, but with a 9-year-old body, it was beyond his ability. Suddenly, an unknown Fu Warrior rushed over, grabbed him, and quickly rushed towards the gate. They arrived at the gate in only a few seconds. At this time, the gate was slowly closing, the Fu Warrior shouted loudly, "Wait a second!"

Soon, 12th and the other 4 children all arrived in the city. The 3 Fu Warriors also rushed into the gate. Looking at the gate slowly closing, 12th was sad, "Uncle Luo has not arrived yet? What should I do? Let's go! Go up to the city walls!" he said as he quickly walked toward the city wall.

A Fu Warrior stopped him and said, "Go home, you guys cannot go up there!"

12th said, "Uncle, I just want to take a look, could you please help? You see...I've already killed a savage." The Fu Warrior raised his hand, which held the huge head of a savage.

That Fu Warrior looked at 12th unbelievably. A Fu Warrior next to him said, "They're right, this savage was seriously injured by him, I saw it with my own eyes."

The Fu Warrior eased up and said, "Ok, you guys can go up, but be careful, the Vagrant Savages are good at throwing boulders, pay attention and avoid it." This child was fully qualified to go up to the city walls since he could give an adult savage a critical hit. Therefore the Fu Warrior did not stop him. In Ye Guan City, anyone who had strength and power would need to contribute. This was the rule.

The patrol teams outside the town quickly retreated. They did not go through the gate, instead, they climbed up along the ropes hanging down from the walls. Therefore their speed of retreat was not slow at all. 12th squinted to a distance and right in front of him, there were 5 savages growling and rushing toward the gate.

With a long shout, a streak of green light flashed from the forest. Huo Bao saw it with his sharp eyes and he shouted, "That's Uncle Luo!"

# **Chapter 5 - Siege**

12th was greatly relieved when he saw Luo Zhan coming out of the forest because he was truly worried for him. After a moment, 12th tensed up again because he noticed that Luo Zhan was injured, even though Luo Zhan was moving very fast, his movements were stiff and rigid. 12th turned around and called to the Fu Warrior next to him, "Uncle, please shout out loud and tell Uncle Luo to run this way!"

"Brother Luo! Retreat this way!"

The Fu Warrior roared into the air and immediately got the attention of Luo Zhan. Luo Zhan's vision was extremely sharp, he saw 12th and the other 4 children with a glance, and he relaxed a bit. He has been fighting his whole way through the forest and was a little exhausted. Luo Zhan was a powerful Fu Warrior Master, he was ten times stronger than Fu Warriors, even if he was fighting 2 or 3 savages at the same time he would be able to calmly retreat.

At this time, nobody was outside the city walls, most of the people living in Ye Guan City were combatants. Ordinary people rarely goes out of the city and the people who did go out would return as fast as they can after hearing the retreat signals. Everyone knew that if they delayed returning after the signals their probability of death was over 90%, so nobody dared to be slow.

With a swift turn, Luo Zhan dodged a savage that jumped at him, he then rushed straight towards the city walls. He was the only living person outside of the city, and all the savages targeted him. 5 savages leapt at him at the same time, their speed was too fast, the people watching became nervous.

"Hold them back with the Fu Bow!"

"Zhou Knights! Where are the Zhou Knights, we need their assistance!"

12th just realized how rare it was to see Fu Warrior Masters and Zhou Masters. On the wall where he was at, most of the combatants were Fu Warriors with a few Zhou Knights. There were also a few Fu Warrior disciples and Zhou Knight disciples, but 12th did not expect that there would be no Fu Warrior Masters, this scene shocked him.

A Zhou Master and a few Fu Warrior Masters are coming!."

12th noticed that everyone on the city wall was relieved, 3 Fu Warrior Masters, one Zhou Master, and a group of Fu Warriors rushed up the city walls. They saw Luo Zhan's awkward running form and shouted, "Brother, hang on, you are almost here!"

A Vagrant Savage grabbed a boulder the size of a tank and with a few steps threw it up towards the city walls while roaring. 12th was stunned, he could not help but mutter, "What the heck...a mobile trebuchet?"

#### Boom!

The boulder hit the outer wall, which was about a hundred meters away from 12th. 12th felt the strong vibrations from the crash, it was fortunate that the boulder did not hit the walls above them or else there would be many casualties. Someone shouted, "Disciples retreat, disciples

retreat back to the city! It's too dangerous here!"

12th stood at the front of the wall, he was closely watching Luo Zhan's escape, if he was outside he might not have been as nervous as he was right now. His forehead was covered in sweat and his heart was beating wildly. 12th touched the Treasure Fu on his right wrist, the Chaos Fireball was for group attacks, but he wasn't sure if he can activate it, because it required at least the Zhou Knight level to be used efficiently. If 12th forcefully activated it, it might only have half its power or even one third. The effect will not be as good as the Frostbolt.

12th hesitated for a while, but knew that he could not waste anymore time so he started to use the Fu Seal to activate the Treasure Fu while watching Luo Zhan. 12th was ready to aid Luo Zhan at any time. 12th knew that with his ability, there will only be one shot and the last time was just luck so this time he had to try his best even if it will only help a little.

Luo Zhan has been saving up his strength, he decided to not fight recklessly after he finished distracting the savages so 12th's team could escape. Fu Warrior Masters are very strong, they can replenish their energy in a couple of minutes. He chose to save his strength because the savages could not catch up to him so he just fled towards the city while replenishing.

The Zhou Master who came over to help was an Earth Zhou Master. Earth Zhou Masters were not strong offensively but their defense was impressive. The Treasure Fu he used was a Fire Elemental Treasure Fu, it was a low-level Fireball Treasure Fu. It was created when Zhou Knight disciples advance to Zhou Knights. It was known as a garbage Treasure Fu. In addition, he had a lot of one-time use Attack Fu too.

This was an extremely poor Zhou Master, the situation would had been totally different if he had an Earth Elemental Treasure Fu.

The Zhou Knight shot out a lot of fireballs and icebolts. After using all these Attack Fu, he finally said, "I have used up all my Fu..." The truth was that he still had an Innate Fu, it was an Earth Elemental Innate Fu, it was the Innate Fu that advanced him to a Zhou Master, but in a situation like this he did not use it because it was a defensive Innate Fu and was not effective offensively.

12th was speechless. Although the Zhou Master's precision was very high, the Fu was just too weak. Even though none of the savages fell, they became very angry, it seemed the Earth Zhou Master added to their fury. 12th soon realized that the Zhou Master must have been focused in his practice back at the North Fu Sect and never gained actual experience with the outside missions. The Zhou Master belonged in the group who were good at cultivation but lacked combat experience which has caused him to not have any money to properly equip himself.

The Fu Warrior Master next to him could not stand it anymore and shouted, "I got it!" He took out a black longbow, it was a mid-level Fu bow with FuZhou Inscriptions engraved on the bow's arm. He took out a Fu arrow, and with painful expression across his face, he pulled the bow, held his breath and shot the arrow.

The arrow was silent. 12th could clearly see the arrow being surrounded by a gentle wind. It was strange that the noise from the vibrations of the bowstring was also eliminated, this was a Silent Fu bow, definitely a good tool for assassinations. There were two savages on Luo Zhan's side blocking his path, with another two closely chasing from behind. Another one continued to throw boulders and wooden logs, this arrow will be extremely important.

The arrow did not hit any of the savage's fatal points, but hit the knees, it penetrated through the knee silently. The savage was caught off guard and quickly fell down with it's body flopping. Luo Zhan was overjoyed, he shouted and jumped above the savage like a strong wind and with a flash of green light, the huge head of the savage was suddenly slashed off, blood was gushing out from it's neck.

The Fu Warrior Master who shot the arrow cheered loudly, "Nice slash!"

Seeing Luo Zhan who was a hundred meters away from the city walls, the savage on the right grabbed a tree trunk and mercilessly swept it over Luo Zhan.

Desperately, Luo Zhan jumped up, his toes slightly touched the tree trunk and he turned toward the savage and shouted, "I'll destroy you!"

The green light appeared again, but the savage was clever. It roared and sidestepped away, the tree trunk was hit by the green light, and was immediately split into two. The savage got scared and continued roaring, but Luo Zhan did not continue attacking. He quickly turned around and continued to flee after scaring the savage away. With the few seconds loss from that exchange, the other two savages from behind got closer.

12th shouted loudly, "Shoot another one! There's one to the right..."
His clear voice echoed through the city walls, everyone looked at him,

and a Frostbolt appeared in his hand and was ready to be shot.

Luo Zhan ran desperately towards the city walls.

12th was nervously calculating the distance, he must stop the savage on the right, even a few seconds will help Luo Zhan's escape.

Luo Zhan ran with all his strength, soon he was less than 20 meters away from the city wall. The savages chasing him entered 12th's attack range, 12th activated the Fu seal without any hesitation. This time he had to use all his strength, he poured all his FuZhou power into the Treasure Fu and in an instant, the frostbolt was shot.

The Fu Warrior Master also shot out a Fu arrow. Everyone was silent on the city wall, they were all watching the arrow and the Frostbolt.

Since the Fu arrow was silent, the savage did not notice it, the arrow penetrated through it's left chest. It's a pity that the arrow deflected a little and did not go through the heart. The savage gave out a long thunderous roar, and it's speed immediately slowed down. One of it's hand covered the chest while the other fiercely snapped the arrow that penetrated into it's body.

12th was nervously watching the Frostbolt. This time also depended on luck because even if it did not hit, as long as it was within a feet of the savage 12th would detonate the Frostbolt and delay the savage.

His luck was not just good, it was even better than last time. This time the Frostbolt went directly towards the savage's lower abdomen area. It penetrated into the savage's privates when it jumped up, a shrill roar revealed excruciating pain. 12th immediately activated the Fu seal, and the Frostbolt exploded, the savage's lower body was blown apart.

The savage roared, plunge down into the ground, and fainted. An Eunuch Savage was born.

The people on the city wall who witnessed this scene, were covered in sweat, they all thought, this little child was too cruel.

Thick ropes were hung over the walls, Luo Zhan simply leapt up, threw himself on the wall, and grabbed onto the rope. With a little effort, he climbed up 5 meters, and soon he climbed over the city wall and said his thanks, "Brothers, I thank you for the rescue!" Despite his messy appearance, he still displayed a heroic aura.

12th noticed his soul fluctuating, and his body was replenished with FuZhou power again, but he felt very weak. He understood that although it was fine for him to activate the Treasure Fu two times, the third time will probably be not as easy. To 12th, his soul was important, so he did not have the courage to try again because if his soul was damaged it might mess up his chances for another successful reincarnation and at that point he would have nowhere to cry.

Luo Zhan went in front of 12th, smiled and said, "12th, you were great...amazing, it is unexpected that you killed a savage!"

The Fu Warrior behind 12th said, "This is the second one!" he held up another savage head.

Luo Zhan was speechless, he was busy fighting against the savages and went through a hard struggle, but was eventually able to take the head of a savage with the advantage from the arrow. He never expected 12th, who was only 9 years old to have already killed two savages. It was truly unbelievable.

"Look! Look!"

The voice revealed fear. As 12th turned around to looked, he could not help but be extremely alarmed, there were hundreds of savages rushing out from the forest. Luo Zhan whispered, "These are Frenzied Savages..."

Even though the attack force of Vagrant Savages were powerful, they would rarely gather in groups, so they were much easier to handle, but the Frenzied Savages and Bloodthirsty Savages were different. They loved to live in groups and their attack force cannot be underestimated. Many hunting squads have been destoyed under the siege of Frenzied Savages in the wilderness of the northern tip. These tragedies have happened numerous times, but nobody expected to encounter Frenzied Savages right outside Ye Guan City.

Someone asked in horror, "Did the Savage Gate fall?"

There was a large number of troops from the North Fu Sect stationed at the Savage Gate. Once the Savage Gate fell, Ye Guan City will be in a very dangerous situation.

"Kill these savages first!"

All Fu Warriors who had Fu Bow released their arrows and all the Zhou Knights sent out one-time use Fu. The effect of this attack was very good, 4 Vagrant Savages fell in less than a minute. Nobody cheered because the Frenzied Savages ran out of the forest and began to gather together, they were not rushing to attack the city.

Luo Zhan said, "12th, take the children back, this is not a battle for disciples. The credit for killing the two savages, I'll report it to the inner court and you'll be rewarded."

12th had long wanted to leave the battlefield if not for Luo Zhan's rescue. He was only a 9-year-old child after all, he should not be fighting against savages. 12th asked, "Uncle Luo, are you coming back too?"

Luo Zhan smiled, "How can I go back? The more people the more powerful we will be, otherwise, you guys will not be safe living inside the city. Once the savages burst into the city, nobody will be safe. The 3 Fu Warriors will also need to stay and fight, let me ask Brother Zhang to send you guys back first."

Brother Zhang was the Fu Warrior who was holding the head of the savage, he never said much, but he did treat 12th well.

12th nodded, he understood Luo Zhan's intentions. "Well then, thank you Uncle Zhang for escorting us."

When they got back to the courtyard, 12th ordered a few things, returned to his bedroom and went straight to sleep without even taking a bath. 12th did not feel like himself because of the lack of sleep from the savage chase. Activating the Treasure Fu twice also depleted all his

FuZhou power, it was a great burden on his body.

12th slept for a long time and finally woke up the next evening. He got up and felt refreshed, after taking a bath he went out to learn about Ye Guan City's situation.

Huo Bao and his teammates were having dinner, 12th suddenly realized that he was starving and his whole body was feeble. He sighed, "Ah, child abuse ah...it's the critical time of physical growth, how could I keep my belly empty...it's a crime, a crime!"

Huo Bao was holding a big meat bone and was surprised at seeing 12th. Chen Hong picked up a big meat bone with a big piece of meat, she raised it up and said, "12th, here you go!"

12th grabbed the meat and began to take big bites while mumbling, "Chen Hong, you eat too!"

Chen Hong greatly admired 12th because he has already killed two savages at such a young age. She was older than 12th but still needed protection of others, there was a large gap between them.

12th ate and drank extravagantly, he even began to sweat while eating the meat bones and drinking the soup. He was only half full after eating 5 meat bones, afterwards he began to eat slower. Sometime he wondered how his small body could even fit so much food without having any digestion problems.

12th picked up a piece of big bread and slowly dipped it in the soup

before eating, "Is Uncle Luo back yet?" He asked.

Chen Bing said, "No, not yet, the roads outside has been sealed off. Nobody is allowed to go out except the combatants so we don't know what's going on. I think the situation is not good."

Hong Shi took a big bite of the big piece of meat and chewed it loudly, after using a bit of effort swallowing he said, "I've heard that disciples with good potential were allowed to go up the city wall..."

Huo Bao said, "Where you hear it from? Who told you this? We've never even stepped out of the door..."

Hong Shi smiled, "The neighbor... they went out this afternoon, Heh, they were disciples who will advance soon, so I know."

Huo Bao suddenly realized, "No wonder, most of the people living in this region were disciples of the inner court, I could not figure out why it was no noisy this afternoon. So they were called up to defend.

12th asked, "Roads were sealed...when did it start?"

Chen Bing said, "It started last night, we don't know when they will unseal it."

12th asked again, "Can we go out?"

Hong Shi said, "No idea, there are people patrolling the roads, but we

came back before they sealed it so we don't know if the seal applies to us." 12th's team were disciples of the inner court, they had certain privileges.

12th said, "Chen Bing, you go out and learn more about the situation after dinner, if you bring your inner court disciple's identification card you should be allowed out."

12th ate very comfortably, he ended up drinking a large bowl of meat soup. Then said with satisfaction, "I'm going back to cultivate, inform me when Chen Bing brings back news."

12th took out the Frostbolt Treasure Fu that had made vital contributions before and carefully examined it. The usage of Treasure Fu were limited, Frostbolt can be activated 9 times continuously, but when it is activated pass the 9th time the Fu body will be destroyed making it irreparable. Treasure Fu were very precious.

After a few activations, if it was repaired in a timely fashion then the Treasure Fu will last a very long time and can be used many times. 12th decided to repair his Treasure Fu himself, activating the Treasure Fu required the use of Zhou power while repairing it required the use of Fu power. 12th had FuZhou potential and has already cultivated his own FuZhou power, so Fu repairing was a skill he can master.

12th had learned about the Fu repairing process, but had never actually practiced it. After carefully thinking over it, he listed each step required for the Fu repair. Until he was confident that there would be no mistakes he started the Fu repair.

According to 12th's understandings, this Treasure Fu was like a nine round pistol, the pistol can only be shot 9 times and afterwards it would need to be reloaded, it can also be reloaded after any number of shots. Fu Power is the bullets for this Treasure Fu. The repair would be complete as long as it successfully filled the Treasure Fu with Fu power.

During the Fu repairing process, 12th was extremely careful every step he took. Most Zhou Knights would not have such a powerful Treasure Fu, if it was damaged during the Fu repairing process, then it would be too late to regret.

The repairing process lasted a long time, it took two full days to successfully finish.

Chen Bing found some news, the road seal order only applied towards ordinary people, not the disciples of the inner court, they could go out if they wanted to. 12th went out of the courtyard after two days.

12th took his whole team with him. Luo Zhan and the other 3 Fu Warriors who would protect them were not there, the 5 children disciples were walking on the empty road.

The patrol squads on the road released them without question after seeing the identification cards on their chests.

They arrived at the North Fu Sect's head office in Ye Guan City. It was crowded there, a dozen Fu Dan Knights were busy, the wounded combatants were all sent here to get treated. Only the North Fu Sect can send this much manpower and resources here, a dozen Fu Dan Knights were treating the injured combatants while the Fu Knights and Fu

Masters were repairing the Fu Inscriptions on the Fu Warrior's bodies.

[t/n] Fu Danshi is not Fu Dan Knight, they are a healer's profession.

Parts of the Fu Inscriptions on the injured Fu Warriors' bodies were damaged and needed repair from Fu Knights, or their strength would decrease. Inside the headquarters, anyone who was injured from defending the city and any Fu Warrior whose Fu Inscriptions were damaged would get treated and repaired by the North Fu Sect free of charge.

12th went to the Mission Hall and found a lot of people, most of the people there were disciples, and some of them were ordinary people, a lot of missions were being assigned.

As an inner court disciple of the North Fu Sect, 12th had the consciousness to help the Sect. 12th led his team to the mission assignment area, he got a little disoriented after seeing a huge number of missions. There were missions from patrolling the roads to defending the city walls to treating the injured and to help create Attack Fu. There were hundreds of missions listed.

12th was a FuZhou potential disciple, he could almost take any of the the missions, it did not matter if the mission was for Fu Knights or Zhou Knights, 12th could accept it. This shows how powerful his FuZhou potential was.

Huo Bao said, "Even though our ability is limited, we can still take on some missions."

There would not only be rewards for completing the missions, the North Fu Sect also had a special mission reward points program. These mission reward points could be used to exchange for rare materials. The rewards program was to encourage people in the North Fu Sect to accept missions eagerly.

12th nodded and said, "Let's accept some easy missions first, Hmm, we should split up and do some individual missions first. Afterwards we can get together and try some group missions."

12th temporarily did not want to pick any missions that required going up to the city wall, he also did not allow Huo Bao and his teammates to accept them too. 12th ordered them to only take the missions within the head office, even though the reward points were less, it was safer.

12th found a good mission, it was to make one-time use Attack Fu. All the materials were provided by the head office, 5 sets of materials for 2 attack Fu. The remainder of the material belonged to the maker and each Attack Fu earned 3 reward points. No one wanted this mission.

Fu Knights could take on higher level missions with higher rewards and reward points. Fu Knight disciples did not want to take this mission because the success rate was too low. 5 sets of materials, if they were lucky, they might successfully make 3 attack Fu, if not, they might end up with nothing. Therefore they would rather take on other missions.

This mission had to be completed at the Fu Knight Hall, 12th asked for the location of the Fu Knight Hall and walked over casually. The Fu Knight Hall was close to the Mission Hall, after walking for about a hundred meters 12th arrived at the Fu Knight Hall. There were a lot of people inside, and most of them were Fu Knight disciples.

Fu Knights rarely went into the battlefields, beside the few special Fu Knight professions like the Fu Dan Knights, others would be better supporting away from the battlefield. Besides making Fu, the Fu Knights can also work on material distribution and management.

12th went into a special room with 10 sets of materials, there was a complete set of Fu making tool in the room. Because 12th's soul has been strengthened his success rate for making Fu was extremely high, this was a secret he has not revealed to anyone. With 10 sets of materials, 12th can successfully make atleast 7 one-time use Attack Fu, if he was lucky he might even make 9.

For 10 days in a row, 12th made 6 Fu to 8 Fu a day, his success rate was comparable to Fu Masters. Fu Masters would usually not accept missions that required them to make one-time use Attack Fu, these missions were designed for Fu Knights and Fu Knight disciples.

That day, when 12th turned in 6 one-time use Attack Fu, he heard someone shout, "We need the help of a Fu Knight disciple or a FuZhou disciple, are there any Fu Knight disciples or FuZhou disciples with no missions here? Please register immediately!"

12th asked curiously, "Do you need help with anything?"

At this time, almost everyone has already accepted a mission so nobody registered. 12th was asked and called by that person, "Are you a FuZhou disciple of the inner court?" he asked.

12th nodded, "Yes."

That person said excitely, "Yes! I found you!"

12th wondered, "Me?"

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The person said, "Yes, you! What's your name? Let me register you, give me your identification card!" 12th knew that he has been caught, but he was not nervous at all, he said, "Wait!"

"I'm sorry, could you please explain the mission first so I can determine if I'm able to help or not. Another thing I have to tell you is, my name is 12th...just turned 9 and I have only started practicing FuZhou for less than a year, are you sure you need my help?"

That person was surprised for a moment, he did not expect this disciple to be so young. But he did not have any other choice, he has been trying to find a helper for the past two days and found a few Fu Knight disciples, but they all chose other missions. He said with a bitter smile, "9 years old! You are a little child...Ai, I need your help! I don't have any other choice."

What he said scared 12th a bit, "Tell me what you need first, if possible, I will not refuse. If it is beyond my capability, then it will be useless even if I go and then it will be a waste of both of our time." He said.

That person was stunned, he thought to himself, "This child really knows how to talk." He said, "Well, recently we have consumed a lot of Dan Fu, and the few Fu Dan Masters here need to make more Fu Dan, but they are lacking assistants..."

Without even waiting for the person to finish speaking, 12th said, "I'll go!"

Since 12th saw how magical Fu Dans were, 12th truly wanted to learn how to make Fu Dan, but the Fu Dan Knight was a branch profession and they had their own special methods. It is difficult for others to learn their methods, so 12th did not even wait for the person to finish explaining the situation because he couldn't wait to accept the mission.

That person was a Fu Warrior disciple, he was not young, at least 30 years old perhaps even older. Maybe he lives in Ye Guan City and was temporarily hired by the North Fu Sect. From the Fu Inscriptions on his forehead, 12th could tell that although he had Fu Warrior potential, he had no money to hire someone to perform the strength enhancements on him.

The Fu Warrior disciple led 12th to a small house, a Fu Warrior was guarding the door. 12th could tell that the person he was about to meet had a high position because at this time, most of the Fu Warriors were taking part in the defensive battle, yet this person still had a Fu Warrior guarding the door for him. This can only mean that he was absolutely not an ordinary person. The Fu Warrior disciple stepped forward and said, "Brother Cheng, the person Xu Master needs...has been found, He He, could you please inform him?"

The Fu Warrior smiled, "Go in there, go in!"

12th could tell that these two people knew each other very well, the Fu Warrior disciple led 12th into the house with a smile.

"Elder Xu, the disciple you want is here!"

An elderly voice said, "Come in."

"Elder Xu?"

As 12th was thinking as he followed the Fu Warrior disciple into the room, an elder was busy working on something when they went inside. The room was a very big laboratory. The people from this world called these types of rooms either a Fu Making Room or a Fu Making Hall, but 12th called it a laboratory because according to his memories from his previous lives it resembled a laboratory.

"Hmm? Why is it a child?"

Elder Xu looked up, he probably did not notice earlier when they came in, and felt something was wrong.

"Elder, I truly could not find anybody else, everybody has already accepted their own missions. This is a FuZhou disciple from the inner court and he met your requirements."

"Hmm? FuZhou disciple of the inner court? Whose disciple?"

The elder knew that it was going to be difficult trying to find FuZhou disciples, he also knew that FuZhou disciples from the inner court can only come to Ye Guan City at the order of their Teacher. A simple disciple of the inner court would find it impossible to come to Ye Guan City at this age.

12th saluted, "My teacher is Fu Zhou Great Master Luo Jie."

The Fu Warrior disciple's mouth was suddenly wide open. In his eyes, a FuZhou Great Master was a peak existence.

"Ah? You are a disciple of Elder Luo!"

The elder's face revealed a surprised expression, he continuously asked, "How come I didn't know that Elder Luo had a new disciple? Come! Come! Sit down, what's your name? How old are you? When did you become Elder Luo's disciple?"

12th was relieved, he could tell that this elder was very familiar with his teacher, he said, "My name is Guo 12th, 9 years old, became a disciple last winter. Grandpa Xu, you can call me 12th." 12th began to act young and cute, he could not do anything about it because his appearance was truly that of a child's, he was not even a teenager yet.

Elder Xu's name was Xu Zai Kun, he is a well-known Fu Dan Master, he will soon advance to Fu Dan Great Master. This time he just passed by Ye Guan City and was stuck here because of the savages' attack. Since a lot of Fu Warriors were injured, he naturally offered help with his treatments. It was unfortunate that he did not bring a lot of low-level Fu Dan with him and all of them were used up in a few days.

Because there was no more low-level Fu Dan he had to start making more by himself, and since the procedures for making the low-level Fu dan was trivial he was impatient doing it by himself. This was the reason why he was trying to find Fu Knight disciples to assist him, but he did not expect to find a FuZhou disciple. Elder Xu quickly decided to let 12th become his assistant when he heard that he was Luo Jie's disciple.

Xu Zai Kun knew very well that 12th, as Luo Jie's disciple, must have outstanding intelligence and amazing potential. This type of person will save him a lot of trouble.

Elder Xu asked, "Have you learned raw material purification?"

12th responds with, "Yes, I have achieved mid-level purification."

Xu Zai Kun was shocked and said, "Ah? Mid-level! How is that possible?"

12th smiled, "Grandpa Xu, I'm not lying to you, let's try and see." Since 12th's soul have been strengthened he also had an advantage in raw material purification. 12th could achieve low-level purification when he first started and after a period of training and practice, he quickly achieved mid-level purification. Sometimes, he would even achieve high-level purification.

Xu Zai Xun thought about his own disciples and suddenly felt that Luo Jie's image got stronger. His heart revolted, how come he could not find a disciple with such great potential? He asked, "How many Fu will be successful if you have 10 tries?"

12th said, "Between 7 to 9, I'm still not strong enough."

Xu Zai Kun clutched his forehead, and after awhile he said, "7 to 9 Fu... Ah..." His own success rate right now was only 9 Fu, if he was careless it sometimes might be 8 Fu. He could not believe that this child have a 7 to

9 Fu success rate after cultivating for less than a year. This was monstrous, 12th was an absolute genius in Fu making.

"Are you interested in Fu Dan?"

12th immediately was full of spirit, he said, "I'm interested, I like Fu Dan a lot."

Xu Zai Kun almost cried. This was very rare, he did not expect 12th to be interested in the profession of the Fu Dan Knight. Even though the Fu Dan Knights profession had an excellent reputation and was also very important within a team, they were the weakest profession before advancing to Fu Dan Master. They did not have any attack force and could only provide healing treatments. In this world, almost everyone yearned for a profession with a high attack force. As for the Fu Knight potential disciples, very few were willing to choose the Fu Dan profession.

The reason why 12th liked Fu Dan was because he had a very bad experience with the medical world in his previous life, so he could not give up an opportunity to learn Fu Dan in this life. No matter if he was going to save others or himself, it will be like to having a doctor constantly by your side after learning how to make Fu Dan.

"Good! Good! Haha, I will teach you how to make low-level Fu Dan as long as you are willing to learn."

12th said very seriously, "Thank you Grandpa Xu, I will not let you down." He is very happy that he have the opportunity to learn how to make low-level Fu Dan. To learn a practical Fu making method will be

good for his future development, the only problem was 12th's time here was limited.

Xu Zai Kun took out a set of Fu books and said, "This Fu book is for you, it includes almost all my knowledge on making low-level Fu Dan. Read it when you have time, you can start assisting me first."

This gift was precious, since the set of Fu books were written by Elder Xu for his disciples to study, it could not be found outside. This was something that money could not buy.

12th felt very grateful. Ever since he reincarnated to this world, he noticed that the people here were a lot more friendly than the people from his previous life. Especially the elders in this world, they treated the younger generations with sincere care, 12th often became emotional from their unconcealed love.

Northern birch leaves were the main material for making low-level Fu Dan. The northern birch leaves 12th tried to purify were all planted there. In the wild, there was a forest with these types of tree in the wastelands of the northern tip, and the ones which are a thousand years old had the best quality. They were material used for high-level Fu Dan.

First, 12th used a special grinding Fu to smash hundreds of kilograms of northern birch leaves into dark green pastes, then he heated them and put them into 5 bottles of powder, and finally he would start the real purification process.

12th used the Four-Fu purification method. This method starts with four special purification Fu being placed at specific locations. Afterwards 12th poured out the northern birch leaves powder and when the powder passed through the four special purification Fu, 12th would activate his Fu power to collect the purified powder. According to the requirements, 12th had to purify the powder 3 times before he was able to obtain a fairly pure northern birth leaf powder.

After 12th finished the purification, 5 bottles of the powder were purified into only half a bottle of light green fine powder. These 5 bottles of powder were made with hundreds of kilograms of northern birch leaves and the only usable portion was the less than 1 kilogram half bottle of fine powder. 12th took the crystal bottle and walked over to Xu Zai Kun, "Grandpa Xu, this is the purified northern birch leaves, can you check?"

Xu Zai Kun picked up the bottle and took a minutes to carefully inspected it, his face revealed an expression of satisfaction. He nodded, "It's good enough, did you use the Four-Fu purification method?"

12th nodded, "Yes, I only know two purification methods, one is the Four-Fu purification method and the other is the Condensation method. There is another one called Smelting method, but I did not learn it yet."

Xu Zai Kun shook his head and said with a bitter smile, "You are just the opposite of the other disciples, almost all the disciples start from the Smelting method into the Four-Fu purification method...and only Fu Knights might learn that skill. You are truly a little monster, starting with the more difficult Four-Fu purification method, no wonder you can achieve mid-level purification."

"Good, continue the purification process, another half bottle will be sufficient."

12th turned around and immediately went back to work without saying anything. Xu Zai Kun revealed appreciation in his eyes. After a while, he sighed, and secretly thought for a moment wondering how he could not encounter such a good disciple.

Two hours later 12th came back with another bottle, he finished the second purification assignment.

Xu Zai Kun then took out a big bottle of dark blood and said, "12th, this is the blood from the Iron Giant Snake. They live in the wastelands of the northern tip, they have extremely strong vitality and their blood is one of the raw materials for making low-level Fu Dan. This bottle of blood is from a thirty years old Iron Giant Snake, it is good enough to make low-level Fu Dan. Ah, if it was from a 100 year old Giant Snake, it's blood could then be used to make high-level Fu Dan."

"Continue using the Four-Fu purification. This is where it matters the most so place all your attention on the purification. Try once first, but don't be afraid of failure, just give it another try. This bottle is the blood from the Iron Giant Snake, Hmm, this is a Fu bottle so it contains 150kg of blood. I estimate that when it is completely refined, it will have about 5kg of purified liquid."

12th took the bottle to the room designed specially for purifications. First, he picked up the book on purification that Xu Zai Kun gave him and started reading. There was a purification method known especially to Fu Dan Knights, this method could extract the vitality of the snake from it's blood. 12th read it over and over until he memorized it. Then he emulated the purification process in his mind and began when he thought he was completely confident with it.

The purification process went very smoothly, 12th completed his first batch of purified liquid, but he had a look of confusion because the dark blood became a transparent like mucus after the purification. 12th brought it over to Xu Zai Kun so he can examine it and he was very satisfied. 12th went back and continued working on the purification, he used three days to finish the purification of all the 150kg of blood.

From the purification of raw materials, to the refinement of the Fu body, and finally the study of Fu Dan, 12th was immersed throughout the whole process, he didn't feel tired at all.

Xu Zai Kun increasingly liked this intellectually curious and hardworking child, the child was not only wise, intellectual, and persistent, his ability to understand and utilize what he has learned caused Xu Zai Kun to be both surprised and overjoyed. Xu Zai Kun thought that 12th was much more powerful than many adults.

Since time was limited, 12th stayed for only a little more than a month. 12th learned how to make two types of one-time use Fu Dan. One of them was the most common Blood Fu Dan, which was used for excessive blood loss, and the other one was the Green Fu Dan, which was an external medicine that could stopped the bleeding and heal the wounds.

Xu Zai Kun was reluctant to let 12th go even after the mission was over, he thought for a long time and eventually took out another Fu book, "12th, this book has information on Fu Dan advancement. There are four different Fu Dan making methods, if you have time, you can try learning them. And also say 'Hello' to Elder Luo for me when you see him."

12th said his thanks, he was truly touched because this Grandpa has wholeheartedly taught him many things.

Xu Zai Kun then took out two high-level Fu Dan and said, "12th, these are two high-level one-time use Fu Dan, they are for life-saving emergencies, use them well." He sighed to himself, "If I could ever get a disciple like 12th, it will be great. Ah, Elder Luo Jie has really good luck!"

12th said his goodbye and left, he went to turn in the mission and then headed back to his courtyard.

"Uncle Luo! You're back?"

12th saw Luo Zhan and the other 3 Fu Warriors when he stepped into the courtyard. Huo Bao said, "Uncle Luo arrived and was about to look for you. 12th, you finish the mission?"

12th smiled, "Yes, it went smoothly. Oh, Uncle Luo, you guys defeat the savages?"

Luo Zhan said with a bitter smiled, "It's us who were almost defeated... the Savage Gate has fallen and a large number of combatants from the North Fu Sect were killed. Some were able to escape and rushed into the wastelands of the northern tip while others retreated back towards Ye Guan City. We need to retreat back to the North Fu Gate as well. Go pack up your belongings, we will depart in a moment."

12th was shocked, "How could this happen?"

Luo Zhan said, "Nothing is impossible...a message came from the Savage Gate, the number of savages which attacked was 30,000, in previous years only 2 to 3 thousand savages would attack and that was already terrible. This time was totally different, savages were all over the mountains. Compared to the previous years the attack had 10 time more savages, it is simply impossible to resist that many savages.

"The Savage Gate has fallen and the savages will arrive in Ye Guan City in a couple of days, it is impossible for the city to defend against them, so everyone must retreat. The first group to retreat will be disciples of the inner court and all the other Fu Knight professions. I'm your guard so I will also be on the retreat list."

12th did not dare to delay even a bit of time because currently any wasted time can mean death. He simply packed a bit and urged his teammates to quickly pack too, and in less than 20 minutes, they gathered back at the courtyard again. 12th said, "Uncle Luo, let's go."

The message of Savage Gate falling was a tightly sealed secret, so the city was still calm. Many inner court disciples and Fu Knights have already arrived at the gathering point, there were over 4000 people all together. The personal guards alone numbered more than 3000, in addition, to the 2000 people of the convoy, which included the well-known Blades Brigade, Victory Brigade, and the Riders Brigade.

The Blades Brigade had a total of 85 people, with 10 people in a team. The team leaders were Fu Warrior Masters and their 9 other teammates were all Fu Warriors. There were two Zhou Masters in the brigade, and the chief leader was a Fu Master. Their combat force can be counted as one of the best in Ye Guan City.

The Riders Brigade had 53 people, every single person was riding on a wild horse which originated from the northern tip. The combat power of this brigade was also very powerful and under the protection of this brigade the first group to retreat will be relatively safe. It will not be a problem unless they encountered a big group of savages.

The Victory Brigade had a lot more people, approximately over 200, the brigade had a FuZhou Master. And in any brigade it was well known that if there was a FuZhou Master in it then the overall strength of the group will be atleast 3 times stronger.

- "...Follow the brigades, don't be nervous if the group encounters any savages, and don't run around. It will be impossible for you to get back to the North Fu Sect by yourself if you get left behind..."
- "...Supporters, protect your commanders...you only need to protect the person who needs your protection, do not get involved in the matters of others..."
- "...prepare your own food and water, we will probably have no time to rest on the way..."

Someone was speaking loudly, stating all the safety measures. Chen Bing ran back and forth to gather news, she was responsible for delivering messages. Huo Bao's duty was to confirm their position within the group. This was very important, the safest position was in the middle of the group and luckily since 12th's status was high enough they were arranged in a good position.

Then came the formations. 12th's team was assigned to the third group,

there were about 700 people in the group with most of them being disciples of the inner court, some of them were even important Fu Masters, like Xu Zai Kun and his 3 Fu Warriors. Xu Zai Kun looked very happy when he saw 12th again. 12th immediately invited him to join their small team. One Fu Dan Master was equivalent to having a mobile hospital.

12th's appearance was a child, but his soul was not, when he saw Xu Zai Kun he immediately went over to his side. He clearly knew what this elder liked, and soon, Xu Zai Kun was very happy.

12th and Xu Zai Kun were each assigned a carriage, 12th let Huo Bao and the other 3 children sit in Xu Zai Kun's carriage while inviting Xu Zai Kun to sit on his own carriage. His carriage was safer because it was under the protection of Luo Zhan.

The Blades Brigade departed first, they rode on their horses to lead the way. The next one to depart was the Riders Brigade, they were riding on their wild horses and was responsible for the safety of the road. Because the speed of the wild horses were extremely fast this mission was handed to them.

The Victory Brigade was responsible for the rear.

About an hour later, the shouts from outside the gate gradually disappeared. The whole group began to depart.

12th and Xu Zai Kun sat in the carriage together, they had very little interests in the battle outside. 12th took the advantage of this opportunity by seeking advice from Xu Zai Kun about his knowledge of

Fu Dan.

Xu Zai Kun liked this studious and thoughtful child, he would explain the answers to the questions in detail whenever 12th asked. He took the initiative to explain more even though 12th did not ask. It could be said that Xu Zai Kun taught 12th everything he knew without any hidden thoughts.

There were a lot of savages in the wild, often a group of a dozen savages would gather together and attack the group, but none of the attacks were successful. The defending forces within the group was too strong.

In particular, the Blades Brigade which had 8 teams of 10 with each having strong combat force plus the 2 Zhou Masters who were always ready for combat. It would only take them a couple of minutes to kill off a dozen savages.

As time went by the wounded began to appear. Being a relatively well-known Fu Dan Master, Xu Zai Kun had the obligation to treat the wounded. 12th followed and took the opportunity to learn more about the usage of Fu Dan.

As more and more savages appear, the casualties were also gradually increasing.

The wounded began to line up near 12th's carriage. Xu Zai Kun took out a lot of low-level one-time use Fu Dan and directed 12th to treat the wounded. Huo Bao and the others all went over to help.

"Huo Bao, go clean up the wounds!"

"Chen Bing, hold this Uncle, help him lie down..."

"Hong Shi, Chen Hong, you are responsible for lining up the wounded. Remember, those who have more severe injuries should be first!"

12th systematically gave out orders, he treated the wounded one after another with confidence. Everyone there was amazed, this child was simply too outstanding.

The more severe injuries were handled by Xu Zai Kun while 12th treated the people who were wounded less.

The protection of 12th's carriage was very high because of the treatments by Xu Zai Kun and 12th, most of the injured Fu Warriors quickly recovered their health and they could re-enter the battle with a bit of rest.

The group quickly moved forward without stopping. At this time, they were not going to stop no matter what happens. If they were blocked off with more and more savages appearing, the whole group will probably get trapped to death. Therefore the leading Blades Brigade desperately fought, they killed all the savages that tried to block their way.

With the help of his strengthened soul, 12th got more and more adept with the usage of Fu Dan. After using up all his FuZhou power, his soul would fluctuate and all his FuZhou power would soon be replenished. Xu Zai Kun was getting confused, he did not expect a disciple could

continuously use this much Fu Dan. 12th already reached 30 Fu, even though the usage of Fu Dan required only the minimal amount of FuZhou Power, how could a disciple last so long?

"Twist formation! Twist formation!"

"Slow down!"

"Fu Warriors and Fu Warrior Masters come out...twist formation to the left!"

12th looked up and was shocked, over 80 Frenzied Savages appeared on the left side and were all roaring and rushing over.

## Chapter 7 - Plant Hidden Fu

"Uncle Luo, you can go help, I will be safe here." 12th said. 12th understood that in such a crisis it would be better if everyone was united and left behind every bit of selfishness they had, because that was the only way to defeat all the savages and survive. Therefore 12th did not hesitate to tell Luo Zhan to help with the defense, the effects of having a Fu Warrior Master enter a battlefield will be great.

Xi Zai Kun also commanded his supporters, "You guys go out too!" He had 10 supporters with 2 being Fu Warrior Masters. The Chief Fu Warrior Master ordered a Fu Warrior to stay behind and protect the carriage, the others all rushed towards the savages.

12th glanced at the chaotic crowd and said, "Who's next!"

A Fu Warrior with his chest torn open by sharp claws was on the verge of dying, 12th expertly picked up a Blood Fu Dan, pinched open the Fu Warrior's mouth and rapidly activated the Fu Dan. The Blood Fu Dan turned into liquid and flowed into his throat and in a few second, the Fu Warrior's pale face revealed a hint of blush.

"Clean the wound!"

12th told Huo Bao to clean the wounds while he continued to treat the next person. Xu Zai Kun was also busy treating the wounded. During this crisis having an extra person in the battlefield would be of great help to the combat force, Xu Zai Kun was desperately doing what he had to do. His treatment speed was at least three times faster than 12th's, and not

only was he faster, his treatment effects were also better.

After completing treatment on a group of wounded, 12th was tired and his face turned pale, Xu Zai Kun was more than heartbroken when he saw 12th because 12th was only a 9-year-old child after all. He secretly shook his head and took out a semi-translucent Fu and said, "12th, don't move." He then patted the Fu on 12th's head.

A cool and refreshing feeling came from 12th's head to his heart, his soul was extremely comfortable and he could not help but moan a little. 12th said, "What he heck....what kind of Fu is this? How can it be so comfortable..." At that moment, all his fatigue seemed to have washed away.

Xu Zai Kun was amused, he said, "This is a Relaxation Fu, one of the Fu Dan which can soothe the nerves and relieve the uneasiness from the mind. This Fu is not difficult to make, but it's rarely made."

12th was surprised, "Why?"

Xu Zai Kun said, "This Fu can only eliminate fatigue, it can't increase combat power and it's very expensive, if one is not of Fu Knights profession then it is very hard to afford it."

12th thought of all the poor Fu Warriors and secretly nodded, "Grandpa Xu, I would like to learn the method of making this Relaxation Fu." 12th noticed that the Fu was very helpful to his soul, so he made up his mind on learning how to make it no matter what. 12th believed the Relaxation Fu was equivalent to gaining a powerful weapon.

Even though Xu Zai Kun was not that old, his appearance looked like that of a hundred years old man, he looked kind, his face was full of wrinkles, and there were lots of age spot. He was truly a kind-hearted man, he chose to become a Fu Dan Knight because Fu Dan Knights could save the lives of others'. Even though his combat strength probably could not even defeat a Fu Warrior, his support abilities were at least in the top ten of the North Fu Sect.

"Ai, Grandpa will teach you, don't worry, whatever you want to learn, this Grandpa will teach you!"

Xu Zai Kun made a promise. He just could not refuse 12th, for a bit over a month he has treated 12th like his own grandson and there is no way a Grandpa can refuse when their grandchildren wanted him to teach them.

Relaxation Fu is made up of 4 different material, the most important material was resin, resin from Black Wood Residue. Black Wood Residues are grown in the Chill Grounds. It was two feet tall and can live up to a thousand years, but the thousand years tree were very rare. There were lots of hundred years trees and the trees can be artificially planted if there was a Plant Hidden Fu used from Plant Fu Masters.

The resins from Black Wood Residue are also a material used for making Treasure Fu. The resin is a well-known neutralizing agent so it was extremely expensive.

The other three materials were very common and could be found anytime.

The refining method was not difficult, Xu Zai Kun explained it once

and 12th easily understood everything. After asking a few questions, 12th closed his eyes and put everything together in his mind, soon he concluded that he could refine it himself.

12th asked, "Grandpa, can I buy Black Wood Residue in the Inner Court?" 12th called Xu Zai Kun "Grandpa" naturally, Xu Zai Kun's kindness and protection towards him has warmed his heart. He naturally treated Xu Zai Kun as his elder.

This salutation made Xu Zai Kun very happy, he said, "Yes, half a kilogram of Black Wood Residue ...will cost about 800 to 1000 Black Fu Bills. It will be enough to make 2 Relaxation Fu."

That was abnormally expensive. The idea of making money rose in 12th's mind, he asked with a bitter face, "Is Black Wood Residue planted in the Inner Court?"

Xu Zai Kun did not understand why 12th cared so much about the Relaxation Fu, but either way he was going to support him. Xu Zai Kun shook his head with a smile, he knew that 12th thought the Black Wood Residue were too expensive. He took out a matchbox-sized Fu and gave it to 12th while saying, "This is a Plant Hidden Fu. There are 12 Black Wood Residue inside, it should be enough for you to take the resin and make Relaxation Fu."

Plant Hidden Fu are passed down in the South Fu Sect, they are specifically used for plant cultivation. Using the principle of hidden Fu, a small space is formed and a particular plant can be planted inside. Every Plant Hidden Fu is different and the plants that can be cultivated inside are also different. The Plant Hidden Fu that Xu Zai Kun gave 12th was designed to grow Black Wood Residue trees.

12th looked at the rare Plant Hidden Fu carefully. These types of Fu are rarely seen within the North Fu Sect. It is said that in South Fu Sect there is a large number of Plant Hidden Fu that can be traded.

There were a lot of extremely small plants inside the semi-translucent Fu, like miniatures plants they looked delicate and beautiful. 12th understood that the Fu would rapidly grow and become a tree when it gets activated and he would need a specific Chanting Formula to make it miniature sized again. It was like carrying around a tree.

12th played with it for a while and asked with a smile, "Grandpa, is this from the South Fu Sect?"

Xu Zai Kun smiled, "Yes, I have not seen any other Sects who can make such delicate Plant Hidden Fu besides the South Fu Sect. Ha Ha, this Plant Hidden Fu was customized for me, at that time I had a lot of precious tree seeds and a Plant Fu Master made a trade with me. He made the Plant Hidden Fu for me and I gave him some of the seeds."

"In fact, there are places in the Inner Court that sell Plant Hidden Fu. Ha Ha, 12th, you can go buy some in the future, especially those that could be used to plant food. They are not very expensive and you can then cook Fu food by yourself."

12th was surprised, "Ah? Fu food can be home grown? Where can I buy it?"

"The Fu Knight Hall in the Inner Court...Ha Ha, don't worry, it's in the Fu Dan Pavilion, a branch within the Fu Knight Hall of the Inner Court.

I will give you a detailed location. Hmm, it is not far away from the FuZhou Region where you live, I also live there, you can visit me whenever you have time."

12th was very happy, "Ok, I will surely come visit!" 12th knew the importance of personal connection from his previous life. He sincerely wanted to become friend with this elder who cared for him.

The carriages were accelerating. Luo Zhan came back with the 3 Fu Warriors. The supporters of Xu Zai Kun also returned, and more than 80 frenzied savages has been killed.

Luo Zhan said, "A total of 84 Frenzied Savages were killed, 6 of our Fu Warriors died, 11 seriously injured, and more than 20 wounded, but finally all the savages are dead."

"Accelerate! Accelerate!"

Someone shouted loudly and the speed of the whole group began to increase. This rapid march from the group did not even stop when they arrived at the supply station. Someone would go collect food and distribute it to everyone within the group. The group continued to accelerate forward, the rest stops only lasted for a few hours and everyone departed again.

It took eight days to get to Ye Guan City, but only four and a half days to return. Hundreds of savages were killed along the way, and the group finally arrived safely back to the Inner Court. Everyone knew that they were safe when they entered the Inner Court. The Inner Court had a very strong combat force, the Great Masters were the true peak combatants of

the Inner Court.

The disciples were all exhausted, even the Fu Warriors were beat, but they could not rest for long, they only stayed a day before regrouping and heading back to Ye Guan City. They had to reinforce the second group's retreat. According to the orders, everyone from Ye Guan City would need to retreat, it was not hundreds or thousands of people, but ten thousands and hundred thousands of people with most of them being ordinary.

The orders had nothing to do with disciples, 12th led Huo Bao and the other 3 teammates back to his courtyard.

When Auntie Lan saw 12th, she was very excited and held him up high, she constantly said, "I heard something happened in Ye Guan City, oh, I was worried to death, there are many different rumors these days...12th, you, are you ok?"

Auntie Xin was running out, she said happily, "Welcome home, welcome home...12th, go take a shower and change, Auntie Xin made braised meat."

12th had a warm fuzzy feeling inside, everyone was already like a family to him. Although he was young, as the master of the house, he must support this family. "Auntie Lan, Auntie Xin, I'm fine. It's ok...Auntie Lan, put me down." He said with a smile.

Auntie Lan wiped her tears happily. "Go take a shower, Auntie Xin has arranged for you, Huo Bao, Hong Shi, Chen Bing, and Chen Hong, you guys go shower too...come out when it's time for dinner."

The 5 of them returned to their rooms to take a shower and change clothes. 12th soaked in a large tub, the warm water relaxed him. The feeling was great and his mood became cheerful, he learned a lot from this trip, especially the methods of Fu Dan making. The most enjoyable event was meeting Grandpa Xu Zai Kun, this elder left a good impression on him.

12th soaked himself in the water for half an hour before putting on a set of clean clothes and walked out the room.

There were large bowls of braised meat, large pots of meat soup, several baskets of bread, and side dishes which resembled picked radish served. 12th's stomach was growling when he was taking a shower, he really did not understand how a child could eat so much more than the adults from his previous life. Such a monstrous appetite would have a great possibility of starvation if he was in his previous life.

It was terrible when these 5 little children were eating. Including Chen Hong, everyone was eating uncontrollably, the first bowl of braised meat disappeared, then the second and everyone's speed finally slowed down when the third bowl was served. Auntie Lan and Auntie Xin were watching with a smile, they felt very happy watching these little children eat happily.

12th was holding a bowl of meat soup, drinking and eating bread when he asked, "Auntie Lan, how much money do we have left?"

Auntie Lan and Auntie Xin discussed a little because even though both of them were housekeepers they were in charge of the money separately. Auntie Lan said, "We have a little more than 4000 Big Fu Bills."

12th said, "Starting tomorrow, all the money will be used for purchasing food. Don't leave any money. Huo Bao, exchange all our mission rewards for food tomorrow. Don't get anything else."

"Marinate all the meat we exchange and put them into the storage hidden room. It will not rot easily, then buy some more flour."

Auntie Lan was surprised, "12th, why are we buying so much food? 4000 Big Fu Bill can buy...ehh, can buy a lot of food...why do we need so much food?"

12th said with a bitter smile, "Auntie Lan, you know that the Savage Gate fell, right?"

Auntie Lan nodded and said, "Savage Gate has fallen...but we are in the inner court, it should be safe here, oh, 12th, what's the relationship between the fall of Savage Gate and buying food?"

12th said, "The fall of Savage Gate means that the savages will break into the city, Ye Guan City will not stand and then the savages will come attack here too. Of course, with the strong combat forces of the North Fu Sect, I think the North Fu Sect will come out victorious, but...if the savages attack here, the supply routes will be lessened. There won't be a problem if it was only for a short period of time...but if it's for a long period of time, then food will become very scarce."

"If we don't prepare now, we will starve."

Auntie Lan listened to 12th incredibly, was he really a 9-year-old child who can consider things with so much care? The reasoning that 12th came up with was very simple, but if noone suggusted it, then who would have purchased and reserved the food. She said, "12th, you are really good, Auntie Lan will go out and buy food tomorrow."

12th said, "Auntie Lan, be cautious when you are out buying food, try not to gather attention and don't tell others what you are doing because it might cause panic. And don't buy too much at a time, buy in small quantities, and buy from multiple places." 12th has experienced famine in his previous life, and understood the feeling of being helpless because of it. He still shivers at the thought of it, the feeling of starving has deeply engraved into the depths of his soul. 12th never wants to live through it again, the years full of fear, panic, despair, and sorrow.

Huo Bao and the other 3 children did not understand 12th's intentions at all. They knew their duty was to exchange the mission rewards for food, so that was all they had to worry about while 12th handles everything else.

The next day, 12th sat on his carriage and arrived at his teacher Luo Jie's estate under Luo Zhan's escort.

Luo Jie already learned of 12th's performance in Ye Guan City, he was very satisfied. He was especially happy when he heard that 12th killed two savages, he was very happy when he saw 12th.

Surprisingly, the first words 12th said when they saw each other made Luo Jie speechless, 12th said, "Teacher, I almost could never come back to see you again. Ai, I'm only 9 years old and had to fight against the savages...isn't it too cruel?" 12th continued, "Thanks to the Treasure Fu that Teacher gave me, I escaped from danger. He He, Teacher, do you have any more Treasure Fu? Please give me a few more." This type of flattery made Luo Jie very happy.

Luo Jie laughed, "Ha Ha, you are indeed my disciple! About the Treasure Fu...you are still too young, you won't be able to control those Fu yet, let's talk about it later."

12th knew how precious Treasure Fu were, he just used it as an excuse before asking, "Teacher, I have no money..."

Luo Jie never had a lack of money, he said without any worry, "Just tell Uncle Hu how much you need. Come here, tell me everything about Ye Guan City."

12th said with a bitter smile, "Teacher, I need a lot of money!"

Luo Jie said, "Ah, how much do you need? Ai, just take as much as you need!" Luo Jie did not care at all. As a FuZhou Great Master, his assets ranked at the top of the North Fu Sect. In addition, 12th was his favorite disciple, he was not going to be stingy towards 12th when he asked for money.

12th couldn't help but ask, "Teacher, how come you don't ask for the reason why I need money?"

Luo Jie then asked, "Why do you need money?"

12th simply said, "To buy food."

Luo Jie was not Auntie Lan, he took a moment to think and understood 12th's intentions, he said in surprise, "You mean...the North Fu Sect will face a food crisis?"

12th nodded very hard and said, "If there is not an absolutely safe supply line then I think...the food will become insufficient."

Luo Jie asked, "So you want to stock up on food?"

12th sighed, "It does not matter if it was only me, but now I have a bunch of people to take care of so I have to take precautions."

Soon, Luo Jie realized and said in surprise, "You want to remind me by...borrowing money?"

12th smiled and said, "I did not remind you of anything, it is Teacher's own thoughts."

Luo Jie was grateful in his heart. He was not stupid so he immediately called the housekeeper and began to reserve the food. Luo Jie had a large group to take care of, if there was a lack of food at his estate, there won't be any places to buy food from even if he had a lot of money. Surely it was impossible for an old man to go hunting for that much food.

"12th, go get money from Uncle Hu, come back afterwards."

12th did not take a lot, he only took 10 thousand Black Fu Bills. He was

afraid that he could pay back the money, in addition he could not buy that much food even if he had 10 thousand Black Fu Bills, so 10 thousand Black Fu Bills was enough.

12th hurried home with the money. Money made everything easier, everyone in the family split up and went out to buy food. A truckload of food was transported back, Auntie Lan marinated the meat and carried the flour into the storage hidden room. The so-called storage hidden room was a room made with hidden Fu so it could store a lot of things.

The purchasing power of 10 thousand Black Fu Bills was incredible. 12th's group used up all the money after busily spenting it for 3 days. By that time, the prices of food has begun to rise. Widespread food shortages began before anyone could even react, the prices increased 3 times in a day because the savages were heading towards North Fu City, the headquarter of the North Fu Sect.

Buying sprees were intense. The North Fu Sect quickly took actions to control the food distribution. All food businesses were under their control, all the food were unified and distributed according to demand.

12th went back into cultivation.

Auntie Lan and Auntie Xin were full of emotions, they thought 12th had a miraculous foresight, how could he make such an accurate prediction. All the restaurants were closed, all the shops that sold food were closed too. The problem now was not the prices but that there was indeed no food to sell.

Auntie Lan realized that the food distributed to them was less than half

of before. When they received the food, there was also a special notice requesting them to save as much food as possible because the next distribution of food would be even less.

There were clever people who made self-organized hunting groups and headed out to the mountains to make up for the lack of food.

People began to worry, but the North Fu Sect was powerful. They had stocked up a lot of food, but the situation right now did not require them to distribute those. Since nobody knew when the supply lines would be restored, the distribution policy was implemented. It was the only option for the North Fu Sect.

12th was no longer concerned about the food problem, he only paid attention to his cultivation. Hao Bao and the other 3 teammates went to learn more warrior skills at the Strength Enhancing Hall. The mission of defending the city was not something they would be concerned with as disciples.

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After more than a month the situation of the North Fu Sect gradually stabilized. Although there were still a lot of savages in the wild, very few dared to directly attack North Fu City. The combat forces within the North Fu Sect was strong, after thousands of savages were killed, they became a little scared.

Because a large number of savages were still in the wild, the supply lines were completely cut off. Even though forced supply transportation were arranged, the loss was shocking. The North Fu Sect had no choice but to send out lots of small teams to hunt the savages outside the city. All the hunting teams would receive adequate amounts of food.

The lack of food made Fu Warriors very unhappy, they were dizzy from the feeling of hunger. So the missions attracted a lot of Fu Warriors, under the temptation of food, a large number of Fu Warriors went out of the city to participate in the battles.

That day, 12th found the Fu Dan Pavilion inside the Fu Knight Hall. He wanted to buy Plant Hidden Fu. This time he was escorted by a Fu Warrior, Luo Zhan has already went back to taking missions. Fu Warrior Masters were a dominant force in the North Fu Sect, there were many missions intended for them to complete.

The last name of the Fu Warrior following 12th was Zhang. His full name was Zhang Da Kui. His strength was good. After a period of time he would be able to use Bone Fu for his strength enhancements and later advanced into a Fu Warrior Master.

"Uncle Zhang, when we go back in the afternoon, asked Auntie Lan to give you some food to bring home."

Zhang Da Kui lived in North Fu City, he have two wives and four children. Life was pretty good with his income, but after encountering a situation such as this, there was an insufficient amount of food at home. Thanks to 12th's suggestion, he also stocked up on a lot of food, otherwise he would probably be out of food already.

"12th, Thank you!"

The food assigned to him was only enough for him alone. There were 6 people in his family, how would it be enough, so he has begun to worry.

Fu Dan Pavilion was a branch of the Fu Knight Hall. There was an internal trading region inside, mostly selling all different kinds of Fu Dan. When 12th went inside, he surprisingly noticed that there were more people than usual.

Soon 12th discovered a strange scene. there were a lot of people holding Fu Hidden bags and was doing something in a sneaky manner.

At that time, someone came to him and quietly whispered, "Come here...follow me..."

12th said, "Follow you? What this about?"

That person took out a Fu Hidden bag and flashed it in front of 12th's eyes. He said, "Let's go over there." That person had an identification card of the Inner Court. 12th was curious, he followed him to the side and asked, "Well, what is it?"

## **Chapter 8 - Making Money**

It was a young person, around twenty years old, his identification card showed that he was a Fu Dan disciple. He seemed honest, but he asked in a sneaky manner, "Is this your first time coming to the Fu Dan Pavilion?"

12th said, "Yes, uncle, what's going on?"

The person's face suddenly turned bitter, "Little brother, do I look that old? Don't call me uncle, call me brother!" He continued, "Did you come here to trade?"

12th said in a surprise, "Trade what? What are you doing? Why is everyone here acting so mysterious?" 12th noticed the person's name on his identification card, Wei Xian.

Wei Xian smiled, "I have meat here, a total of 1000kg, what do you have to trade?"

12th was slightly astonished and asked, "How much for a kilogram?"

Wei Xian said, "Not for sale, only for trade."

12th said, "I know you want to trade, but your meat...it should at least have a price for reference, right? How much is a kilogram?"

Wei Xian simply said, "One Big Fu Bill per kilogram, but if you are buying with money, it will be more expensive, at least a couple Silver Fu Bills extra."

Zhang Da Kui who was behind 12th had his mouth wide-opened, he did not know what to say. Usually 2-3 Small Fu Bills could buy a kilogram of meat, he did not expect the prices to rise 40 to 50 times. The most ridiculous thing was that it could not be sold for money, but can only be traded for.

12th could not help but laugh, he said, "Oh, I have nothing good, Ha Ha, your meat...I'm not interested in it."

Zhang Da Kui couldn't help but laugh in secret, this description was indeed not pleasant.

Wei Xian sighed and said, "Ah, you...forget it. This is not my meat." Wei Xian hung the Fu Hidden bag on this waist with disappointment and said, "If you are not here to trade for food, then what are you here for?"

12th said smilingly, "I'm here to buy Plant Hidden Fu."

Wei Xian was surprised, he said, "Are you kidding me? You want to buy Plant Hidden Fu during a time like this? It will not be helpful even if you plant it right away, it only taste good, but it cannot be a replacement for food,...Ah, are you here to buy some special Plant Hidden Fu? Ah, listen, there are a lot of those right now, but they can only be traded with food, nobody is willing to sell it."

The truth was that 12th had no money, it was all spent on food. He whispered secretly to Zhang Da Kui's ears and then Zhang Da Kui nodded and left.

12th said with a smile, "Brother Wei, why is there so much people wanting to trade for food?"

Wei Xian sighed and said, "Well, it has been more than a month...most of the people here finished all their food, the food distributed to them were far from enough, so they can only trade for food."

12th asked, "Brother Wei, how come you have so much meat?"

Wei Xian was going crazy. "Little brother, I said this is not my meat..."

12th said happily, "Really?"

Wei Xian sighed and said, "Little brother, it is very tiring talking with you."

12th laughed loudly and said, "I'm just kidding, Brother Wei where are all the people selling...ah, trading Plant Hidden Fu?"

Wei Xian said, "There is a lot of them...all of the Plant Hidden Fu which were plants has been used as food, but the new ones has not been planted yet, there are people who are happy to trade them for real food."

12th asked, "How come nobody is trading flour?"

Wei Xian said, "There is, but not a lot...flour is usually expensive and now it's ridiculously expensive."

12th said, "Brother Wei, if you are busy, you don't have to stay with me, I'll go look around."

Wei Xian smiled, "I have time, let me stay with you."

12th did not mind so he nodded and said, "Well, let's go."

The trading region within the Fu Dan Pavilion was not big, it was divided into an inner section and outer section. People here were mostly Fu Dan disciples and a couple of FuZhou disciple who were trying to find something good like 12th, there were very few Fu Dan Knights and Fu Knights.

Setting up a stall was very simple, spread a piece of beast hide on the ground and place the goods on it and then just wait for people to come. There were also some impatient people who carried their goods around each stall trying to look for a trade.

12th searched patiently from one stall to the next, he found a lot of Plant Hidden Fu with the prices being not that high, but they were mostly only tradable for food. No one wanted to sell them because money could not buy food right now.

The stalls were very shabby looking, some only had a few Fu Dan while others only had a few materials. 12th squatted in front of a stall, there

were two palm-sized Fu on the beast hide, 12th asked, "Is this a Plant Hidden Fu? What does it grow into?"

The stall owner was a Fu Dan Knight, he sat on the ground lazily and said with a weak voice, "It could only plant food, nothing else...this is a Plant Hidden Fu used only for planting food. I will only trade, I'm not selling it...250kg of meat or 50kg of flour, either is ok." This guy looked very hungry, his face was greenish yellow and his hands were slightly trembling.

12th said, "250kg of meat for 2 Hidden Fu."

"Are you trying to rob me? A Hidden Fu is worth at least 500 Black Fu Bills! 2 Hidden Fu for 450kg of meat or 90kg of flour, no bargaining!"

12th smiled, he was not going to suffer any losses from this trade, but if he waited a few more days, the term of the trade might be totally different because nobody could withstand the fear of hunger. Perhaps 12th could trade 5kg meat for 2 Plant Hidden Fu, at that time, 12th was not in a hurry to trade "Let me look around first." 12th nodded.

The Fu Dan Knight sighed and continued to wait for people to trade with him. It's a pity that nobody was interested in Plant Hidden Fu during the crisis the North Fu Sect is in, it's not because the Plant Hidden Fu were not good, but because only Fu Knights and FuZhou Knights can use it. Other professions cannot use it even if they got it for free. Right now everyone is suffering from hunger, and thus nobody have any interest in playing with Plant Hidden Fu.

At the beginning, 12th thought that Plant Hidden Fu were very

valuable because it was the equivalent of having a plot of land which can cultivate plants in it. After learning more about the Plant Hidden Fu, 12th understood that even though the Plant Hidden Fu can produce vegetable plants because the area in which it can be grown in is small, it had a lot of restrictions, the yield from the Fu was just too limited. The people in this world were all big men, they were all big eaters and the food produced by the Plant Hidden Fu was just too little, it was far from enough for the people to eat. Therefore the price was dropping naturally.

Wei Xian followed 12th for half a day, but 12th did not trade anything. He could not help but asked, "Little brother, why don't you trade for anything?"

12th grinned and said, "I don't have money or food on me, how do I trade?"

Wei Xian was so angry and he stared straight at 12th, after a while, he said, "you...you...Ah, why am I so silly..."

12th said, "You're not silly, you're just thinking that...maybe this child will be easy to swindle, am I right? Oh yea, I have to thank brother Wei for accompanying me for so long. Thank you!"

Wei Xian was astonished, he really did have that thought, it was normal for young disciples to carry around a few good things from their teachers. If Wei Xian was fortunate, he might be able to cheat one or two and that would truly be a big gain. He did not expect that a child can see through his attempts. He was not angry, it was good if they could cheat something, but he would not suffer any losses if nothing was taken, he only felt a little embarrassed when getting laughed at by a child.

"Nonsense! When did I try trick you?"

12th said smilingly, "Well, you should know that I am poor after following me for so long. See... there is a disciple over there, go, and hope you succeed..."

Wei Xian smiled bitterly, he was really trying to trick 12th, but he said, "Ah, it's hard to be a good person..." he sighed.

12th could not stop laughing, he said, "If Brother Wei went into acting, you will certainly not be a good actor, you don't even know how to lie."

As expected, Wei Xian had been taken in, he said, "What? I don't know how to lie? Is 'liar' written on my face? Only a little child like you have sharp eyes...ah, little bastard, you fooled me!" He suddenly realized, if he was a good actor, then he will be a good liar and if he was a bad actor, then even worse, he would be a stupid liar. What annoyed him the most was, no matter good actor or bad actor, he was still a liar.

Zhang Da Kui came back to 12th and whispered a few words. 12th nodded and said, "Uncle Zhang, come with me." He walked toward a stall. Wei Xian followed them curiously, he did not plan to cheat anyone, he just wanted to see what a poor disciple like 12th was up to.

12th went in front of the Fu Dan Knight who was selling two Plant Hidden Fu, 12th did not negotiate and just directly traded the flour for the Fu. Afterwards, he traded one after another as long as they were visited by 12th before and the trade arrangements were already known. Soon, 12th had 8 Plant Hidden Fu, 6 were ordinary Plant Hidden Fu and

2 were Hidden Fu for elixiers.

After that, 12th stood in the middle of the trading region and shouted loudly, "Who have books about planting? I will trade it for stuff with high value, I am interested in Plant Hidden Fu as well!"

Wei Xian was shocked, he now understood that 12th have been teasing him. 12th was not poor, he was much richer than himself.

"Quickly if you want to trade...the prices might be different tomorrow..."

Everyone in the trading region was reserved, very few would yell in the region, but 12th was different, he knew the importance of advertising. Yelling was the advertising method he thought of because he could not think of a better one here. And because he looked like a child, he did not care what others' thought of him.

With the clear voice breaking away the dull atmosphere of the trading region, a few people came up and one said, "I have a Plant Hidden Fu, what do you have to trade?"

"200kg of meat and 40kg of flour!"

That person obviously was not going to negotiate with 12th, he said, "How about 100kg of meat and 20kg of flour?"

Not many knew about 12th's trades from before, so the trading conditions did not seem low, 12th said, "Sure, let me see your Plant Hidden Fu first, what does it plant?" That person said, "This Plant Hidden Fu is for planting Northern Birch."

12th was happy, the leaves of the Northern Birch were well-known, he did not expect that there was a Plant Hidden Fu for it, he said, "Give it to me, I'll trade!"

Zhang Da Kui led the person trading to the side and 12th continued to yell.

A Fu Knight came over and said, "I don't have any Plant Hidden Fu, can you sell me some food? I.....I'll offer 2 Black Fu Bill for 0.5kg of meat, How's that?"

12th shook his head, "Uncle, I can't accept your offer, I will only trade not sell."

Everyone understood that the price the Fu Knight offered was not low, but it was impossible to buy food with the current situation. Nobody traded food for Fu Bills because Fu Bills cannot be eaten.

The Fu Knight sighed and took out a set of Fu books, "This set of Fu books...do you want to trade? It is hand-written by a Plant Fu Master, and I somehow received it."

12th knew that only Plant Fu Masters make Plant Hidden Fu, he was very interested in the books, but did not show any excited expression, he said calmly, "What do you want to trade for it?"

That guy firmly said, "1000kg of meat!"

Before 12th could even speak, the people around him said in a surprise, "1000kg of meat to trade for one set of Fu books? That's ridiculous."

"You are just trying to bully a little child!"

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The Fu Knight blushed because he knew that he was asking for too much. Seeing that 12th was not saying anything, he was running out of patience and asked, "Well, how do you want to trade for it?"

In fact, 12th was extremely happy with the offer, but he could not let the trading prices rise too much because it would hurt the market and the people who did have food to trade would not be happy. 12th said, "250 kg of meat with 50kg of flour." 12th's offer was really good, 50 kg of flour can be traded for more than 500kg of meat. The meat here was very cheap, but the flour was a luxury.

The Fu Knight said, "Ok!"

Later 12th traded for 2 more Plant Hidden Fu, he was satisfied and left with Zhang Da Kui.

"Uncle Zhang. How much flour and meat do we have left?"

"400 kg of meat and 100 kg of flour."

Zhang Da Kui was holding a few Fu Hidden Bags, and said "12th, a few days later...the prices of meat and flour will continue to rise, isn't it too early to trade?"

12th shook his head and said, "I can't be too greedy, money cannot buy these normally, haha, if it's not because of the food crisis, they will not exchange their treasures for food.

Zhang Da Kui asked, "Are we going home?"

12th smiled, "I'm not in a hurry to go back home, let's go visit Grandpa Xu." 12th had long wanted to visit Xu Zai Kun after coming back, but he was busy cultivating so he did not have the chance to go. Since he was already at the Fu Knight Hall, he want to stop by.

The courtyard that Xu Zai Kun lived in was different from the one of his Teacher's Luo Jie. It was obviously much smaller, he did not have as much supporters as his Teacher, only around a dozen. And there were also families, disciples, and servants living with him, around a total of a hundred people.

After arriving, the housekeeper went to greet them.

Xu Zai Kun was very happy to see 12th, he said, "12th, you have finally come to see me! Ha Ha, I thought you have forgotten me....."

12th said with a smile, "How can I forget about Grandpa, I'm just too

busy studying."

Xu Zai Kun asked 12th to sit down and said, "Have dinner here tonight."

12th asked, "Grandpa, do you have enough food?"

Xu Zai Kun said with a bitter smile, "The food is distributed right now, how can I have enough? But 12th, don't worry, Grandpa is a Fu Dan Master, I can use high-level Fu Dan to exchange for food. Rest assured, one of my disciples went out to trade he should be back very soon."

"Teacher, I'm back."

Xu Zai Kun noticed that 12th's expression was strange, 12th had a faint smile on his face. Xu Zai Kun could not help but ask, "What happened?"

12th held back his laughter and said, "Nothing, Nothing's wrong."

Xu Zai Kun saw Wei Xian carry a Fu Hidden bag and coming in happily, but when he saw 12th, he was shocked and said, "Eh? Why are you here?"

12th smiled, "Why can't I be here?"

Grandpa Xu shouted, "Wei Xian, what are you doing?"

Wei Xian was scared to a tremble, he smiled apologetically and said, "HaHa, Teacher, I just met this little brother in the market. Haha, hahaha....."

Xu Zai Kun asked, "How much food did you trade for with the 4 high-level Fu Dan?"

Wei Xian said proudly, "I traded 1000 kg of meat, Ah, if I was not fast I couldn't even get these 1000 kg of meat."

Grandpa Xu was surprised, he said, "What? You only got so little? Are you kidding me? A high-level Fu Dan can save a life in a critical situation. They can usually be sold for at least 2000 Black Fu Bills and even with that I might not be willing to sell them! You only traded 1000 kg of meat? That's too little..." Xu Zai Kun treated 12th as one in his family, he did not feel embarrassed at all.

Wei Xian was upset and said, "Teacher, you don't know, food can't be measured with money, the price of food increases 3 times a day. No one is willing to sell them, they can only be traded for and it is getting a lot more difficult. Oh yeah, little brother, you know, tell my Teacher, Ah, my teacher does not trust me....."

12th knew that Wei Xian has exaggerated the real situation, he looked at Wei Xian with a grin. Wei Xin began to have heavy cold sweat seeing the smile, he secretly saluted 12th, obviously trying to ask for help.

12th smiled and said, "Grandpa, I have brought over some food, Ha Ha, it's just for Grandpa." 12th signaled Zhang Da Kui to take out the Fu Hidden bag and said, "There's not much, but it's a token of my

appreciation."

Xu Zai Kun said, "Ah, I can't accept it, how can I take your food? With food being so scarce right now, if I take it...what are you going to do?"

12th said, "Grandpa, I have a lot of food from my teacher, more than enough, HaHa, just give me a chance to honor you. Please take it, or else I don't dare to come visit in the future."

Although the gift was not that much, it conveyed profound affection, Xu Zai Kun was truly touched, he said, "Ah, ah...I will take it, I will take it, good child." Xu Zia Kun then asked Wei Xian to bring over the Fu Hidden bag and said, "Wei Xian, this is 12th, you need to become closer with each other in the future. To help each other, understand?"

Wei Xian smiled and said graciously, "Yes, Teacher, I understand!" He ran out holding the Fu Hidden bag. If not because of 12th's help, it would had been difficult for him to deal with his Teacher today.

In the evening, 12th stayed at Xu Zai Kun's courtyard and had a very fancy dinner which included two Fu food dishes.

12th had a question that he was wondering about, he asked during dinner, "Grandpa, there are so many people in the North Fu Sect, where does all the food come from?"

Xu Zai Kun said, "The flour is basically transported from the outside, and 50 percent of the meat is bred in North Fu City, with some from hunting. Everything else is transported from the outside. With the food

being transported in the Fu Hidden bags, the North Fu City will never have a lack of food. This year is an exception, but I believe that the situation will soon get better."

12th was confused, "Grandpa, how come I don't know about the huge farms here? There are millions of people in North Fu City and everyone have huge appetites, how many animals is enough?"

Xu Zai Kun could not help but smile, he said, "It's not difficult, you must have heard about the Beast Fu Sect. They have a Fu which can quickly mass produce animals, but only large sects will have the capabilities of using it."

12th asked with curiousity, "Why not speed up the production if we have this ability?"

Xu Zai Kun said, "It requires time to adjust, I'm guessing it can take about 10 days and the meat supply lines will be open again."

12th was surprised and asked, "So the supply of flour is still short?"

Xu Zai Kun nodded, he was a little curious and asked, "12th, why are you interested in this so suddenly?"

Of course 12th was interested, he was relying on it to make money. He have stocked up a lot of food with half of it being meat. If the meat supply line was opened, it meant that he was going to suffer losses. 12th smiled, "Just curious. HaHa, Grandpa, I have traded a lot of good things."

When seeing the Fu Book from the Plant Fu Master, Xu Zai Kun said in a surprise, "This is a treasure from the Plant Fu Sect!" He said in a serious tone, "You have to keep it well, it's ok to take it out in the inner court, but don't let others see it when are outside. I'm guessing this set of Plant Fu Books were stolen, but I have no idea how it got unlocked. Perhaps the person who stole it had good luck or they found the Fu Key."

Xu Zai Kun advised again and again, which revealed his care for 12th.

That night, 12th lived in Xu Zai Kun's courtyard.

The next day, 12th went back home and immediately asked the servant to get Auntie Lan and Auntie Xin, 12th said, "Auntie Lan, the meat we stocked up can be sold, with the current market price, sell it all within 10 days as soon as possible. Save enough for 10 days. Hmm, actually save the quantity for 15 days. Continue to hold onto the flour, the price will still increase."

Everyone has been busy working, since meat was scarce now, it can be sold immediately. From 4 Black Fu Bills a kilogram at the beginning, ending with people who were willing to pay 8 Black Fu Bills. 12th's group spent around 7000 Black Fu Bills for the meat when they were stocking it up, and right now, the meat was sold for hundred times more. They made a profit of nearly a million Black Fu Bills.

Auntie Lan and Auntie Xin could not believe it, they did not expect to gain so much money in less than 2 months, they truly admired 12th passionately.

12th arrived at his Teacher, Luo Jie Estate at that time.

Luo Jie was leisurely sitting on the ground with his legs crossed, there was a small short table with a few Fu food dishes on it and a cup of rice wine. Luo Jie was drinking and eating Fu food and was very relaxed and happy. When he saw 12th walked in he said with a smile, "Arrived at the right time, you know that Teacher has something good to eat? Come, sit down, someone bring one more set of silverware. 12th, drink with me."

12th did not refuse, he sat down with a smile and asked, "Teacher, why are you so happy?"

Luo Jie said, "After a couple of days, you can sell the meat there is too much, you won't be able to finish it all."

12th could not help but laughed and said, "Teacher, I have already asked Auntie Lan to sell it before coming here, it will probably take a few days for all of it to sell."

Luo Jie took a sip of the rice wine and sighed, "You child...Ah, amazing! Did you sell the flour?"

12th said, "Flour...I'm going to hold on to it."

Luo Jie could not help but pat 12th on the head, "Sometimes I do not know what is growing in your head, you truly do not seem like a child. This time Teacher has gained a profit because of you. Good, good...Ha Ha."

Luo Lao suddenly walked in and said, "I'm back!"

Luo Jie immediately became serious and shouted, "Do you still know how to come back?"

## Chapter 9 - Innate Fu Record

Luo Lao gave 12th an embarrassing glance and said with a bitter smile, "Grandpa, I was completing missions, Haha, the missions just finished so I came back. 12th, you are here too."

Luo Jie said dismissively, "Oh, completing missions? Then you can continue taking missions."

Luo Lao said, "Grandpa, I can't take any more missions!"

Luo Jie took a sip of wine, he was still mad with Luo Lao's excuse for leaving 12th to lead his own team. If Luo Lao was not his grandson, he would have already expelled him. Luo Jie emotionlessly said, "Don't tell me.....you're out of food!" Elders were wise after all, Luo Jie immediately figured out the reason why Luo Lao came back., he knew that his grandson would never come back to see him unless he was out of any choices.

12th also guessed that Luo Lao was out of food. Luo Lao was a Fu Warrior Master, that profession had the biggest appetite, when he becomes a Fu Warrior Great Master his appetite would quickly decrease. If Luo Lao was a Fu Warrior Master of the inner court, he might be able to persevere by himself with the distributed food, but he was Luo Jie's supporter who accepted missions with his team so he had to figure out the food problem by himself. Luo Lao was not as clever as 12th so he soon ate all the food and needed to come back for help.

Luo Lao's childish tone made 12th feel awkward, he could not help but say, "Brother Luo, can you please not use that tone..... I can't stand it!"

Luo Jie could not help but laugh, he patted 12th on the shoulder and smiled, "Damn, any serious matters become messed up with you!"

Luo Lao looked at 12th gratefully and said, "Grandpa, I have been starving for two days....Ah."

Luo Jie yelled, "It's you, you're the little bastard who didn't want to come back! Do you want me to go and beg for you to come back? Go see Uncle Hu yourself, and he will give you some food, worthless! 12th is even smarter than you, he knows to stock up food, yet you are as silly as a toad, understanding nothing at all!"

Luo Lao was embarrassed, "Yes, yes, grandpa, I...I'm going!" he turned around and ran away. Luo Jie shook his head and scolded, "Bastard, have no brains at all."

12th could tell that Luo Jie's words showed concern for Luo Lao.

"Teacher, if you are worried about Uncle Luo, you want me to go take a look?"

Luo Jie sighed, "It's ok, still making me worry at this old age....12th, how's your cultivation recently?"

12th said, "For basic cultivation, I still have one more set of movements to learn, I will begin studying it very soon. After mastering all the movements, I will put them together and practice it together. The speed will not be slow, Teacher you don't have to worry, I will not be distracted by minor things." Of course 12th can understand what Luo Jie was worried about.

Luo Jie nodded delightfully, it was easy talking to intelligent people, he said, "You have to become a FuZhou Knight as soon as possible, afterwards you can start to learn about Innate FuZhou. The FuZhou profession is very weak before they learn to cultivate their own Innate FuZhou.

12th did not think that the FuZhou profession was weak, compared to his previous life, 12th thought he was much stronger right now, especially with the cultivation methods the FuZhou Knight used which strengthen his soul. This was something he could not accomplish in his two previous lives, 12th looked forward to how his strengthened soul would effect his future reincarnations.

12th continued to ask a few questions about cultivation, he slept over at his teacher Luo Jie's estate that night before going back home the next day.

When 12th got back home, Auntie Lan excitedly said, "12th, you are truly a god, we sold the meat yesterday and earned more than 2 million Black Fu Bills! Aiyaya, that will make all our lives easier."

12th nodded and said, "Auntie Lan, the money is managed by you, continue selling the meat except for the ones needed by us, sell everything remaining. The meat will soon be worthless."

Auntie Lan answered excitedly and then asked the servants to continue selling.

12th went into the underground laboratory and took out the Fu Book written by the Plant Fu Master. He opened it with a Fu key and a set of books appeared, Secret Records of Cultivation, Refinement of Plant Hidden Fu, Aggressive Plant Fu, and The Complete Collection of Plants, a total of 4 types with 8 books. They were all mysterious books from the Plant Fu Sect, 12th now believed that the books were obtained through violent means.

Holding the eight books, it looked like 12th was holding onto some invaluable treasure, he opened the Refinement of Plant Hidden Fu and began to read it carefully.

One after another, 12th spent 4 days to read through the whole set of books once, he then closed his eyes and meditated, he was truly delighted. The book contained information regarding the cultivation methods of plants even though the attack force was relatively weak, it introduced 12th to the unique ways of how the plants were grown and cultivated. With Plant Hidden Fu, if 12th could successfully master the skills of making Plant Hidden Fu, it would be like taking along a whole garden with him, this was something unimaginable in his previous lives.

This world contained FuZhou power and the magical Hidden Fu. Hidden Fu were able to reduce the size of objects, and create an unique space for them. According to 12th's understanding, if he could design an arrangement of Hidden Fu, he could create a mobile house. The Fu Knights of the North Fu Sect did not think much of the potential of Hidden Fu, they only created small things like Fu Hidden bags, Fu belts,

and wrist belts, but the Plant Fu Sect used Hidden Fu to create spaces which were used for plant cultivation.

Of course, 12th did not have the ability to immediately learn the production methods of Plant Hidden Fu, what he needed to focus on right now was learning the unique FuZhou skills of the North Fu Sect. After he become a FuZhou Knight, he could then try to learn a few skills from the Plant Fu Sect, by that time he could even start to study anything that seems useful to him.

Putting away the Fu books, 12th began to cultivate. According to his daily cultivation routine, he had to make 8 Attack Fu Zhou.

12th added another training method, which was to activate the onetime use Attack Fu and practice attacking with it. Recently 12th has made a lot of money and with a strong economic foundation he was able to purchase a lot of one-time use Fu for training without feeling sad with the money spent. Even though 12th had money he did not carelessly use the Attack Fu, he would make careful calculations and preparations when he was about to activate it and afterwards he would come up with a conclusion of what happened after every activation.

As 12th's practice increased, his use of Attack Fu become more and more skillful, but the number of Attack Fu lessened, it was truly a money-burning training exercise.

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Auntie Lan was very excited these days, she did not expect that meat could be sold for so much money. The prices were rapidly increasing with it doubling in just a few days.

She has sold all the meat besides the ones necessary for 12th's group, she actually sold everything and gained more than a million Black Fu Bills. That was a vast sum of money, she was even tired from counting all the money these days. Looking at the flour in the hidden room, she knew that they would earn even more money in the future because the current prices of flour were more expensive than meat and the fact that nobody was willing to sell flour. It has truly become unavailable in the market.

With less than a month passing, there has been rumors of people starving to death. And soon, the North Fu Sect began to increase the distribution of meat. It was said that the farms of the North Fu Sect killed a hundred thousand animals to distribute the meat to the markets which resulted in the prices of meat suddenly falling, but the prices of flour continued to increase.

Auntie Lan was stunned, she did not know what to say about 12th's miraculous foresight. It was truly supernatural, from that point on, Auntie Lan wholeheartedly trusted 12th, she followed 12th's orders no matter what they were.

Huo Bao and the 3 teammates did not rest during this period, after seeing the savages, they began to train intensely without supervision. They asked 12th to perform strength enhancements on them every 10 days using Light Fu. With the exception of Chen Hong who had a female Fu Knight who assisted her with the strength enhancements. The strength of everyone was steadily rising.

Light Fu strength enhancement was a very complicated and timeconsuming job, the Fu Warrior disciples who wanted to become Fu Warriors would need to go through 600 Light Fu strength enhancements, which would require them to have 600 Fu Inscriptions engraved onto their bodies. They would need to go through even more Light Fu strength enhancements after advancing to Fu Warriors and at the end they would need to have a Bone Fu strength enhancement to advance one step forward.

The price of Light Fu was not expensive and most people could afford it, but using the Light Fu strength enhancements were expensive because it can only be performed by Fu Knights. If they had a commander, then they did not have to worry about the price, but because there were many who were of the Fu Warrior profession, but not many Fu Knight or FuZhou Knight profession it was difficult. As a result, the Fu Warrior profession had to make money and find ways for someone to perform the strength enhancements on them, there were many who were stuck at the Fu Warrior level and could not advance any furthur.

12th also used his time making Light Fu, the Light Fu that he made were performed on Huo Bao and his other supporters. The Light Fu Chen Hong used were also provided by 12th, but Auntie Chen found someone to perform the strength enhancements on Chen Hong.

12th paid the same amount of attention towards Shadow Fu, it was the Fu which increased his own strength. There were differences between Light Fu and Shadow Fu, Shadow Fu was used to enhance the physical qualities of the person, but it could not increase a person's combat force. The Fu Inscriptions which are engraved onto Fu Warriors through Light Fu strength enhancements would eventually become a protective aura, it would even become stronger than armor made by steel.

Soon Luo Zhan returned. The savages surrounding the city has scattered, but the combatants were unable to completely eliminate them.

The North Fu Sect has been busy trying to restore the supply lines, all the supply stations were destroyed during the savage's rampage, there were still many savages who wandered around the supply stations, but there was no risk of them breaking into the city.

The North Fu City has been reborned, as long as the savages did not try to break through the city, the hunting squads would constantly attack them. With the savages being prevented from forming a unified force it result in them getting swept away, their only choice was to retreat back to the wastelands of the Northern Tip. The battle would soon come to an end.

Ye Guan City was able to hold up even with the fall of Savage Gate because most of the savages rushed around the city with only a small amount trying to break in. Thankfully the people who retreated from Savage Gate headed to Ye Guan City, with most of them being Fu Warriors and Zhou Knights of the North Fu Sect. They were able to kill most of the savages who tried to break into the city and protected the ordinary people who were not able to escape in time. The ordinary people were lucky to survive, if the savages broke into Ye Guan City, they would not stand a chance against them.

Recently the North Fu Sect started to retake Savage Gate so they can stop the savage's retreat back towards the Northern Tip, when the savages are blocked off from fleeing, the North Fu Sect would then send in an elite unit to eliminate them, thus ending the crisis.

12th did not know much about the current situation in the North Fu Sect, he had to learn more about it because he stocked up on flour. Once the supply lines open up again, flour will become less valuable. Knowing that the supply lines were still unable to open, gave a feeling of relief to 12th, but as a precaution he told Auntie Lan to start selling small

amounts of flour.

In addition, 12th sent someone to gift flour to a few elders, the elders were people he was familiar with, Hong Chang Feng, Chen Chun Zhai and Chang Ye Ren. 12th even send a couple hundred kilograms to Auntie Chen. 12th did not live in the Inner Court for a long time, he did not know many people, he gave flour to everyone he knew who has treated him well. With flour being a rarity right now it was a good idea for gifts because he had plenty.

That day, 12th went to Fu town with Luo Zhan.

The first place 12th went to was the bookstore, when he entered he yelled, "Grandpa An, has there been any good books recently?"

An Zheng Yan came forward with a smile and said, "Ah, it's 12th, I heard that you registered to go to Ye Guan City, when did you come back? I have been worried about you...Haha."

12th said with a smile, "It was my Teacher who registered me, Hmm, I came back for awhile now, but only have free time today to come out and walk around, are there any good books recently?"

An Zheng Yan, "There is a set of good books, but they are all Fu books. I don't think you need it, it's very expensive...and I only have 2 sets. They are 3200 Black Fu Bills each, Haha, you don't want it."

12th just made a fortune, he did not think 3200 Black Fu Bill was a lot of money, he said,"That's so expensive, what kind of books are they?

Maybe I need it, Hehe Grandpa An I brought money along with me."

An Zheng Yan smiled and said, "Aiya, 12th is rich now? Do not care if the books cost more than 3000 Black Fu Bills. Ok, I'll go get it." An Zheng Yan quickly went into the inner room. Inside the bookstore the more rare and valuable Fu books were kept in the inner room, they were not placed on display much, and only regular customers could buy it.

12th followed inside, An Zheng Yan did not stop him, he simply said, "Why are you so impatient? Ok, come with me."

An Zheng Yan went into a small hidden room, it was a room used to store rare books which are reserved for regular customers, he took out a set of Fu books and said, "This is written by the FuZhou Great Master, Wang Cang Ming, he is equally as famous as your Teacher. There are 6 books in this set, and the name is...Innate Fu Records. Hmm, it's only sold to Inner Court disciples, who have a FuZhou profession, do you want it? Haha, but it's still too early for you to read it."

The indication of a FuZhou Master is their possesion of Innate Fu, one has truly become a FuZhou Master only when they have cultivated their own Innate Fu. 12th was only a FuZhou disciple right now, if he purchased the book right now it was like a elementary school student buying a college level book, it was a little unbelievable.

However, 12th was really interested in it, to him, all books were important, even if he did not understand it right now, it did not mean that he would not understand it in the future. In addition, he could not be guaranteed that he could find the same book in the future. This was the difference between 12th and the natives of this world, he was always prepared, he tried to plan everything ahead of time because he did not

want to be rushed when it was time to act.

12th took out a Fu Hidden bag and poured out a bunch of Black Fu Bills, he said with a smile, "I have recently made a bit of money, Hehe, this should be enough to buy the set. And this is a gift for you." He then took out another Fu Hidden bag with two bags of flour inside, "I got this from my Teacher, 100kg of flour."

An Zheng Yan was surprised, "For me?"

12th smiled and said, "Yes, I couldn't buy flour recently and just received some from my Teacher. Grandpa An has been treating me very well, so I'm giving this to you."

An Zheng Yan intended to refuse, but soon he was going to run out of flour at his house. People of this world cannot simply just eat meat, they also need to eat flour. An Zheng Yan thought for a bit before taking out another Fu Book and said, "Ok, I won't refuse this gift. Hmm, this is a Fu Book that I collected, it is a gift for you."

12th did not expect An Zheng Yan to gift him a book, it was a temptation he could not resist, 12th smiled and said, "Ok, thank you Grandpa An." 12th was truly happy, as he held the book he quietly asked, "Grandpa An, what kind of book is this?"

An Zheng Yan laughed happily and said, "I rarely see disciples who loves books as much as you, don't worry, Grandpa gave you a very good book. I received the book a long time ago when I was still doing missions, I'm sure it will be useful to you in the future. The name of the book is... Treasure Fu, it records the feelings and experiences on the usages of

Treasure Fu, it also includes a few ancient methods on making Treasure Fu.

12th was overjoyed, he repeatedly said, "This is too good, thank you Grandpa An."

An Zheng Yan said, "There has been many newly added used books, go take a look, maybe there are some you'll like."

12th returned to the bookcase that held the used books and started searching. This was his favorite part of the bookstore, he loved visiting used bookstores in his previous life too. This hobby has carried over to his current life. In his previous life, there were computers, internet, and all kinds of different media outlets, but now the only thing he could enjoy was books.

12th enjoyed reading all kinds of books, he did not only read books relating to his own profession, he also enjoyed reading books about traveling, adventures, legends of the world, anecdotes from combatants, and so on. These were all his favorite.

From the pile of books he purchased today, he found a good one. It was a geography book with descriptions of the wasteland in the Northern Tip, it had a lot of maps inside. Even though the maps were not in perfect condition it was still very detailed. There were also profiles on the different types of plants and beasts, it also indicated the regions where savages were more frequently active. Unfortunately, it was only the second volume with the first volume missing.

12th paid for the books, placed them in the Fu Hidden bag and walk

out of the bookstore. Today he had another mission, he wanted to buy some materials for Fu making. There was a material trading zone in Fu town, with Luo Zhan following, he slowly walked forward.

The material trading zone in Fu town was very lively. This area was the main activity zone for Fu Knights and FuZhou Knights, Zhou Knights and Fu Warriors did not come much unless they were following their commanders.

The trading zone was divided into two sections, the inner section and the outer section. The outer section was a platform which contained mostly scattered vendors and the inner section contained dozens of different shops. Some of the shops were opened by the Inner Court while others were opened by big businesses outside the Inner Court.

12th has been to this place many times, he walked into a familiar shop. The shop was opened by an outside business, the shopkeeper was an ordinary middle-aged man. His name was Wan Da Tou, his nickname is Magic Eyes because with just a glance he could tell what the item was, its origin, and the quality of the item. He was very famous in the Fu town.

"Brother Wan! Wan Da Tou!"

12th yelled as he entered the shop. Wan Da Tou came out with a smile and said, "It's 12th, how come you have time today to come to our small shop?"

"I missed you..."

12th teased.

The appearance of Wan Da Tou was that he had a big head with half of it being bald and he was very skinny, he looks like a chopstick with a riceball stuck on it. His look did not match his nickname. He also has a pair of big dark hands which were covered with speckled scars, his palms were covered with thick calluses. Although he was ugly, his laughter caused people to feel a sense of comfort.

"Ah, it's rare that 12th still remembers me, what kind of materials are you looking for this time?"

12th took out a piece of paper and passed it to Wan Da Tou while saying, "On this paper, they are all basic materials."

Wan Da Tou glanced at the paper and said, "12th, have you become rich? These materials are at least 7 to 8 thousand Black Fu Bills."

12th said with a smile, "Stop your nonsense, recently I have become more well off and just want to spend some money."

Wan Da Tou said happily, "Ok, I'll ask the attendant to get them for you. What else do you need?"

12th thought for a moment and said, "Well, I don't want to go to another shop, here's another list."

Wan Da Tou took the second list and read it carefully, this time he was truly surprised, he said, "Are you kidding...you can actually make

Treasure Fu? These are materials for making Treasure Fu!"

12th said, "I'm just collecting the materials, as for making it, I'm not sure when I will be able to." The truth was that 12th wanted to experiment with the materials, even if the results failed it did not matter because it allowed him to gain experience.

Wan Da Tou said, "The materials for making Treasure Fu are expensive. Hmm, I estimate the total of all the materials on this list will be around 40 thousand Black Fu Bills. 12th, are you sure you are willing to spend that much money?"

12th brought along 100 thousand Black Fu Bill with him today, he was very rich, he said, "Yes!" 12th felt very good, having deep pockets was really a pleasant thing.

Wan Da Tou knew that 12th was the disciple of a FuZhou Great Master, he was very jealous because he thought that 12th received the money from his Teacher.

The materials were all packed into containers and carried out of the shop. Since the amount of materials was too big, it could not all fit into the Fu Hidden bag. Wan Da Tou ordered his attendant to call a carriage and planned to deliver all the materials.

The materials on the first list could be used to make 1000 one-time use Attack Fu and the materials on the second list could make around 10 Treasure Fu. As to whether it was going to be successful or not, only God would know, 12th truly did not care about the success rate because he have a lot of money right now.

A young man wearing an identification card of Fu Knight disciples on his chest walked into the shop and said "Da Tou, I need to buy some materials, here is the list."

Wan Da Tou took the list and could not help but smile bitterly. He glanced at 12th and thought to himself, "Why is he looking for these materials, I'm in trouble now." He smiled awkwardly and said, "Qian Shao Ye, I'm sorry, we are out of these materials."

Qian Shao Ye was mad and said, "Bullshit! I sent someone here yesterday to check, you have a full set of materials here."

Wan Da Tou said with a bitter face, "We are indeed out of the materials, they have just been sold out."

Qian Shao Ye looked up and said, "Da Tou, what do you mean? Are you intentionally trying to make me mad? I only need two sets of materials, how dare you said no?"

12th stood next to Wan Da Tou and saw the list with a glance, he couldn't help but laugh, this person actually have the same list as him. The only difference was that 12th needed 10 sets while this person needed two. Because these were materials to make Treasure Fu, many Fu Knight disciples and FuZhou disciples needed it because to advance into a Fu Knight or a FuZhou Knight they need to be able to successfully make Treasure Fu.

Wan Da Tou broke into a heavy, cold sweat and said, "I did have 10 sets of materials, but they were just sold. Qian Shao Ye, there is truly no need

for me to conceal them if I had it. I am anxious to sell everything as fast as possible."

Qian Shao Ye asked, "Who did you sell them to? Who would buy so much?"

12th said with a smile, "Excuse me, they were sold to me."

## Chapter 10 - Advancement

For a moment Qian Shao Ye was dumbfounded, he did not expect a young child to buy so much materials for making Treasure Fu, he said, "Who's your Teacher? Can you sell me two sets of material?"

"I am the disciple of the Fu Great Master Qian Zi Wang, my name is Qian Shao Ye."

12th thought this was ridiculous and said, "Oh, you are asking for my Teacher? Hmm, my Teacher is FuZhou Great Master Luo Jie. You can discuss it with him." 12th thought to himself, "Damn, this guy's name is really annoying, Qian Shao Ye? Who comes up with a name like that?"

[t/n] Qian means money and Shao Ye means young master, so his full name is Young Master Money.

Qian Shao Ye quickly restrained his arrogant attitude because 12th's identity was not lower than his own, he said, "I will offer a high price, how's that?"

12th truly did not like his name, he said, "Ok, 20 thousand Black Fu Bills for each, do you still want it?" 12th increased the price by 5.

Qian Shao Ye was shocked, it was a huge amount of money, he thought it was a joke, with that amount of money he could buy 10 sets of materials and 12th was only selling him 2. This was really unfair, but he did not know what to say because he was the one who proposed buying it at a higher price.

12th laughed in his mind, he couldn't help but provoke Qian Shao Ye more, "Oh well, forget it, the price is too high...if someone cannot afford it, then I'll be leaving." 12th stepped forward and was about to leave.

Qian Shao Ye's face turned pale and he was seized by a sudden impulse and shouted, "Stop!"

12th said with a smile, "Shao Ye, any problem?"

Qian Shao Ye's face was flushed, and a moment later, he angrily said, "I...I'll buy it!"

12th innocently praised, "Wow, Shao Ye is truly rich! But.....don't be so impulsive!"

Qian Shao Ye said, "This bit of money means nothing to me, stop bullshitting and give it to me!"

12th simply said, "Where's the money?"

Qian Shao Qian was really rich, he casually dropped a Fu Hidden bag and said, "There is 40 thousand Black Fu Bills inside, Ah I mean almost 40 thousand......you can take the bag with you."

12th mumbled, "I'm a little child and am easily fooled, let me count the money first." Even though 12th's voice was very low, Qian Shao Ye and Wan Da Tou could clearly hear it. Qian Shao Ye was dumbfounded, he

could not help but feel a little guilty because the money in the Fu Hidden bag was not a little less, it was 3000 Black Fu Bills less, and the Fu Hidden bag was only worth a few hundred Black Fu Bills at most.

12th opened the Fu Hidden bag and spread a bit of FuZhou power into it, he quickly noticed that there was not enough money inside, but he did not mention it, he said, "Ok, even though it's a little short, it's good enough, Da Tou, please tell your attendants...deliver two sets of the materials I bought over to Shao Ye and deliver the rest to me." 12th was overjoyed, he did not expect to meet such a young master, 12th decided to pay closer attention to this wealthy young master.

Wan Da Tou admired 12th, he was able to earn back the money for the 8 sets of Treasure Fu materials he just bought without much effort, he said, "Yes, I'll arrange someone to deliver everything right away."

Even though Qian Shao Ye have acquired the neccessary materials, he was confused and did not feel happy, anyone would feel sad if they bought something for 5 times the usual price even if they were wealthy. He clearly understood that he has been tricked by a little child, but in the end it was his own decision. He was like an idiot who gave his head to a madman while shouting, "Kill me! Kill me!" And when the madman really kills him, who should be blamed?

12th said with a smile, "Qian Shao Ye, you are advancing at such a young age? You can actually make Treasure Fu, that's amazing!" 12th tried to please Qian Shao Ye because he did not want him to get mad from thinking too much about the trade. 12th was not scared of Qian Shao Ye, but he understood how fearsome an angered heart can be , 12th did not want Qian Shao Ye to hate him.

Qian Shao Ye felt a little better because 12th did not mention anything about the insufficient funds in the Hidden Fu bag and the compliment 12th just gave has actually eased his mood a bit. He did not hate 12th, he said without passion, "I'm only trying to make Treasure Fu, I have to get more familiar with the process, if I can successfully make 2 Treasure Fu out of 10 trials, then I can advance."

12th did not care much about the advancement, he believed that gaining more knowledge and learning more skills is more important because it will be truly his. As for the advancement, 12th thought it was unimportant because to him, it was enough to have the skills necessary to protect himself. 12th then asks curiously, "Besides making Treasure Fu, are there any other benchmarks for measuring someone's advancement?

"Zhou Knight disciples advance to Zhou Knights when they can consecutively activate 20 Fu, they become a Zhou Master after cultivating an Innate Fu. And when they cultivate 20 Innate Fu and publish a few books, they will advance to Zhou Great Masters....."

"Fu Knight disciples advance to Fu Knights when they can successfully make 4 one-time use Fu out of 10 trials and 2 Treasure Fu out of 10 trials. The other benchmarks are similar to Zhou Knights and as for FuZhou Knight disciples......"

Qian Shao Ye suddenly shows a gloatful expression and says, "Hehe, FuZhou Knight disciples will have more trouble...... in order for them to advance to a FuZhou Knight they will have to be able to consecutively activate 15 one-time use Attack Fu, successfully make 4 one-time use Fu out of 10 trials and 2 Treasure Fu out of 10 trials. Of course, if they concentrate on one profession then their benchmarks will be the same as either the Fu Knights or the Zhou Knights, but then they cannot be

regarded as a true FuZhou Knight."

12th was surprised by his own freakishness, his success rate for making Fu was already greatly higher than the benchmarks and for activating the one-time use Fu, he could already consecutively activate 25 Fu, which also exceeded the benchmarks. As for making Treasure Fu, 12th has never tried yet, but it can be said that he was not far from advancing.

"It's that difficult?"

12th showed an embarrassing expression, which caused Qian Shao Ye to laugh happily. Qian Shao Ye said with a complacent tone, "It is the most difficult for FuZhou Knight disciples to advance, Hehe, in order to reach my level, you.....have to cultivate until you are 30 years old! Oh, how old are you right now?"

12th pretended to be sad, and said "9 years old." 12th was now enjoying the convenience of looking so young, no matter what outrageous acts he has committed, no one would say anything because he was only 9 years old.

Qian Shao Ye could not help but be shocked, even though 12th's appearance was young, he absolutely did not look like an ordinary 9 years old child, he looked more like a teenager.

Qian Shao Ye said, "Ah, too young, but.....why do you need to buy so much material for making Treasure Fu? Don't tell me Luo FuZhou Great Master needs them. I don't think he cares about making basic Treasure Fu." Qian Shao Ye was not as silly as 12th thought because he noticed that the materials were not for Luo Jie.

12th said with a smile, "Ah, it's because I'm too poor, I arrived at the Inner Court last winter and did not expect everything to be so expensive. I have no other choice but to think up of ways to make money in order to support my family, unlike young master Qian.....from the first glance I could tell that you are rich." 12th could not help but be disappointed with himself a little, his bootlicking skills has recently weakened, he wandered if Qian Shao Ye notices it or not.

Wan Da Tou was drinking water, he couldn't help but splashed some water out of his month, he did not expect 12th to plead poverty because 12th just handed him 40-50 thousand Black Fu Bills without batting an eye, 12th was obviously wealthy.

12th has overestimated Qian Shao Ye, Qian Shao Ye was enjoying what 12th was saying, he was very happy hearing others compliment him on how wealthy he was. Qian Shao Ye acted modest and said, "Not really... my pocket money is usually only tens of thousands. Haha, it's not that much..."

12th was astonished, he smiled and said, "Well, young master Qian, I have some flour. Would you like to buy some? I can sell it to you at a cheap price!"

Besides the Treasure Fu materials, Qian Shao Ye also wanted to buy some flour, but nobody was willing to sell it in the market, they all wanted something good to be traded for it. Since flour was not for sale in the market, Qian Shao Ye got very excited hearing 12th say he was willing to sell some. Qian Shao Ye then asks, "You have flour for sale?"

12th complained, "Yes, I only have a little left, I resisted eating it and wanted to sell it for some money. Life is truly difficult for poor people, I also have a large family to take care of."

Wan Da Tou was almost going crazy, he was a businessman, he clearly understood what 12th's intentions were. This little child was vicious, but it was Qian Shao Ye who was silly enough to walk into his trap and it was not necessarily a bad thing for him to suffer a few losses.

Qian Shao Ye was born and raised inside the inner court, he has never stepped foot outside the inner court so he did not know how horrible it could be. Luckily 12th only wanted to make a bit of money, he did not have any other malicious thoughts. Otherwise, Qian Shao Ye could end up counting money for the person who bought him.

Qian Shao Ye said, "Sell it all to me!"

12th was stunned, he thought Qian Shao Ye was really too arrogant, he smiled and said, "Young Master Qian, you know the current market price, right?"

Qian Shao Ye waved his hand and said, "Of course, I have asked many people, it should be around 10 to 12 Black Fu Bills for each kg."

12th then says, "That price is not bad, but.....young master, can you buy flour at that price in the market right now? If yes, then I will acquire all of them at this price."

Qian Shao Ye was shocked, he certainly knew that it was impossible

trying to buy flour with the mentioned price right now, otherwise he would not have been so excited, he then asked, "How much do you want then?."

12th said, "I just saw someone spend 500 Black Fu Bills for 10 kg of flour and that was a special offer from the seller..." With just one sentence the price has been increased by 5.

No matter how rich Qian Shao Ye was, he was still intimidated by that price and said, "50? for 1 kg? Are you kidding me!"

12th smiled, "I'm not kidding, you can go check, it is right outside the market." 12th was not lying, there was actually someone who has bought flour at a very high price, but only a small amount. A few people has spend a few hundred Black Fu Bills on a bit of flour just to satisfy their cravings.

Qian Shao Ye eventually showed a bitter face, at first he thought that he was going to get a good deal, but he did not expect to fall into a trap. His Teacher would definitely yell at him if he bought the flour at that high of a price, he said, "This price...umm...it's not worth it." He was embarrassed to say that the flour was too expensive so he just said it was not worth it. Who told him to pretend to be so rich?

12th did not intend to sell the flour at that price, it was truly too high, he said, "How about you give me an offer and I will sell the flour to you if it's acceptable."

Wan Da Tou sighed, he thought the child was too clever, he first raises the price very high and then asks the buyer to give an offer from that price. A seasoned businessman would not go along with 12th's pace, but Quan Shao Ye truly knew nothing. As expected, Qian Shao Ye used a moment to think and then hesitantly asks, "How about.....how about 40 Black Fu Bills for every kg? I will buy it at that price, how's that?"

12th could not stop blinking his eyes, he has met silly people before, but he has not met anyone as silly as Qian Shao Ye. 12th did not expect Qian Shao Ye to only negotiate the price down a few Black Fu Bills, he was a really nice person. 12th said with a big smile, "Ah, Qian Shao Ye, from the first sight I felt like we were old friends, Haha, now that you have made an offer, how can I bargain with you. We'll go with whatever you say! Qian Shao Ye, how much do you need?"

The truth was that the price was still too high, Qian Shao Ye did not dare saying something like "I will buy as much as you have!" If 12th had more than ten thousand kg then he would not have enough money to buy it, he hesitated for a moment and said, "5......500......no, 1000kg!" He motioned over a supporter and whispered a few words to him, and the Fu Warrior turned around and left.

12th knew that Qian Shao Ye has asked the Fu Warrior to get the money, but he did not say anything. 12th just smiled and said, "1000 kg, it will be 40 thousand Black Fu Bills, haha, it's just a small amount of money to Qian Shao Ye."

Qian Shao Ye was already feeling dizzy, he was mentally disorganized and confused, he has spent around 80 thousands Black Fu Bills, it was almost as much as the whole fortune of an ordinary Fu Knight. Even though it was but a drop in the bucket for a Fu Great Master, this way of using money was ridiculous, the Fu Great Master Teacher was sure to yell at Qian Shao Ye.

Without waiting for Qian Shao Ye to come back to his senses, the supporter came back in and handed a Fu Hidden bag to him and said, "Shao Ye, it's all inside, a total of 40 thousand Black Fu Bills."

Qian Shao Ye did not even look at it and threw it towards 12th. This time 12th did not bother to double check because he believed it would not be short, he waved over Luo Zhan and took a Fu Hidden bag from him. "Here you go, 1000 kg of flour, Shao Ye double check?" 12th smiled.

Qian Shao Ye was holding the Fu Hidden bag and said, "I don't need to, I believe it will not be wrong."

12th smiled, "Ok, I will be leaving then. Qian Shao Ye, you can come visit me whenever you have time, haha. goodbye." 12th waved at Wan Da Tou and left the shop with a smile.

Qian Shao Ye stood at Wan Da Tou's shop for half an hour before leaving with the flour. He still have not come back to his senses, he just felt something being wrong, he was still a little sad and confused.

Wan Da Tou watched everything from the beginning to the end, he was also full of emotions. In fact, 12th's tricks were nothing special, it was just that he made use of the situation so it cannot be thought of as cheating. 12th was very open from the beginning of the trades with the Treasure Fu materials to the end with the flour. What made Wan Da Tou confused was how Qian Shao Ye accepted the trades which were obviously questionable.

12th was very happy going back home. He has truly gained a lot today,

a few Fu books, a pile of regular books, 8 sets of materials for making Treasure Fu and in the end he was able to sell 1000 kg of flour which earned him 40 thousand Black Fu Bills. 12th really like the feeling, he couldn't help laugh whenever he thought of the dull face Qian Shao Ye had, that person was indeed a child.

However, 12th did not have any ill feelings towards Qian Shao Ye, he knew that Qian Shao Ye just had a lack of knowledge and experience, he did not know how terrible others can be. 12th even thought that they could become friends in the future.

Now 12th had a plan, he wanted to make the Treasure Fu as soon as possible because making one-time use Fu was not challenging anymore. 12th thought back to the seige at Ye Guan City and how the Frostbolt was numerous times more powerful than the low-level one-time use Fu. He was not concerned with whether or not he could advance to a FuZhou Knight, he only wanted to gain more strength to keep himself safe, everything else was not important.

For several days, 12th stayed in the laboratory trying to successfully make Treasure Fu. He bought 8 sets of the most basic Treasure Fu materials, they were used to make Fireball Fu which had to be restored with Fu after every third use. This type of Treasure Fu was expensive and unpractical, it can be considered a trash Treasure Fu, but the creation method of the Treasure Fu was the most important step for a disciple. As long as they have successfully mastered the method of making Fireball Fu they have basically mastered the method of making Treasure Fu.

Therefore, every Fu Knight and FuZhou Knight have to learn to make Fireball Fu, this was not an easy task. Techniques could always be learned through practice and study, but not everyone could afford the materials required for making Treasure Fu. A lot of people were stuck as disciples because of this and had to collect the materials by themselves. Those who were supported by a Sect or a Clan would not have this problem because they could get the materials through them.

The first trial of Treasure Fu making failed, but 12th was not discourage. The second trail also failed so 12th thought over the past trials and began reading more books after. The third trial continued to fail, but 12th got excited because this time he was much closer to success, he could sense the tip of success.

Sure enough, 12th successfully made his first Treasure Fu with his fourth trial and then two more Treasure Fu were consecutively successful. 12th was confident in his Treasure Fu making now, he came up with the conclusion that the high rate of success was due to his strengthened soul. After this period of cultivation, 12th soul has became a few times stronger than when he first awakened.

12th could now make the Fireball Fu, which meant he could also make other Treasure Fu too, of course, there were still many difficulties awaiting him to solve, but he believed he could succeed as long as he worked hard. 12th was very happy, he took the 3 Fireball Treasure Fu and rushed over to his Teacher Luo Jie's estate. He wanted to have his Teacher examine them and he also wanted to get some explanations regarding the creation method of Treasure Fu.

Luo Jie was very happy these past few days, he stocked up on food before the crisis in North Fu City and has made a huge profit because of it. His fortune has increased by at least by a few times, as a FuZhou Great Master, he was already known as a millionaire in the North Fu Sect, but this time with 12th's reminder, he unexpectily became even more wealthier.

Seeing 12th's arrival, it looked like a moving bag of Black Fu Bill to Luo Jie, his feelings for 12th was not as simple as a Teacher-disciple relationship anymore. Luo Jie was not greedy, but he truly had a large amount of people to take care of, every year he would spent a lot of resoures and Fu Bills taking care of the group of people. And now with his fortune growing even more thanks for 12th, the future of Luo Jie and his group would be even better.

12th did not understand why his teacher was so passionate, he asked, "Teacher, what's going on?"

Luo Jie realized that he got carried away with his thoughts, as a person who has lived more than 200 years he was able to quickly control his emotions, he smiled and said, "12th, there are no classes today, do you still have questions?" 12th was a disciple who was very curious, it made him very satisfied as his Teacher.

12th opened his palm and 3 Fireball Treasure Fu appeared.

Luo Jie glanced at them and said, "Fireball Treasure Fu, hmm, why would you get so many? These are for practice, they are not very practical in real life situations. Don't tell me you bought them in the Fu town market, if so, then you have suffered a great loss!" Luo Jie could have never expected 12th of making the Treasure Fu himself, it was impossible because he was only 9 years old. Treasure Fu making was not only about having FuZhou power, it also required one to have high comprehension skills, how could a child do something meant for adults?

12th said innocently, "I'm sorry, but these were not bought, Teacher,

they were made by me.....I want you to check if they are lacking."

The facial expression Luo Jie showed was strange, it was a little happy, a little confused, and it also had a little look of disbelief. A long time afterwards, he sighed and said, "How is this possible? You...you are only 9 years old. Ai, you really are a child of what others have said...truly monstrous! 3 successes out of 10?"

12th said, "I made 6 Fu in total, 3 failed and 3 succeeded."

"Ah? Ah!"

Who is this person? As 12th's Teacher, Luo Jie was not frightened, he was extremely envious. When he was just a 9 years old child he did not understand anything, but 12th has already become a FuZhou Knight. With 12th's monstrous cultivation speed, Luo Jie could not figure out 12th's future accomplishments.

12th said humbly, "Teacher, I'm not sure if I have advanced to a FuZhou Knight yet, but I would like to ask...did I advance?"

Luo Jie shook his head and said, "You have achieved it, an absolutely successful advancement! You are now at the level of a Junior FuZhou Knight. Ah, truly monstrous, only needing half a year. I have lived for many years, but this is the first time I have seen someone advance so fast... and to think it's actually my disciple, haha, very good!"

"In any case, bring over Huo Bao and the 3 other Fu Warrior disciples a month later. I will leave for the West Fu Sect in a month and you guys will come with me, there will be a large-scale hunt and we'll check it out."

"Tomorrow, I will bring you to the FuZhou Hall of the Inner Court and authenticate your advancement to a FuZhou Knight...Haha, a 9 years old FuZhou Knight, you probably have broken the records of the North Fu Sect."

12th was surprised, "West Fu Sect? Isn't that the famous Beast Fu Sect?"

Luo Jie could not help but laughed before saying, "You're right, it is also the Beast Fu Sect. Haha, that Sect is very special, you might learn a few things from them, their specialty is using Beasts. Hmm, the lower level members uses beasts and the upper level members uses the spirits of the beasts, it is truly a powerful skill."

12th said thoughtfully, "Teacher, the West Fu Sect is known as the Beast Fu Sect and they use beast to make Fu. The South Fu Sect is divided into the Plant Fu Sect and the Insect Fu Sect. But what is the specialty of the East Fu Sect? and our own North Fu Sect?"

Luo Jie smiled, "The East Fu Sect is also known as the Sea Fu Sect, they use the spirits of the sea creatures.....it is also a very amazing Fu."

"As for our own North Fu Sect, Haha, it has a very outstanding name, it's called...the Diverse Fu Sect. We do not have any specialties, we absorb the characteristics of the other Sects, which makes us diverse. In fact, the true nickname of the North Fu Sect has been......The Five Elemental Fu Sect, which means we use the power from the five

elements, but no one mentions it now."

12th sighed, "So complicated."

Luo Jie said, "You will understand more from the trip to the West Fu Sect, Haha, the Four Major Sects might have a very friendly relationship with one another on the surface, but they secretly attack and kill each other. You will need to be careful, there will not be any problems if you closely follow me."

12th was shocked and asks, "Attacking and killing each other secretly?"

Luo Jie said, "You need to be careful when experiencing the outside world, watch out for the people from the other Sects and do not die a death without knowing what has happened."

12th could not help but show a bitter smile, he has previously thought that the people of this world did not fight with each other, but it was actually pretty similar to his previous lives.

As they were chatting, a beautiful girl walked in and as soon as she saw 12th, she could not help but say happily, "Aiya, it's 12th?"

Suddenly, 12th have a headache and said to himself, "Why is this crazy girl here....."